

Cast On WORKSHEET

For this sweater you will be knitting from the top down, starting with the neck and increasing to make the back, front, and sleeves seamlessly. It may seem tricky at first but once you begin to understand what is going on it becomes truly magical!

During the cast on you will be using a fairly small number of stitches then increasing to add the rest of the neck stitches. We begin this way is to create something called a dropped neckline which makes the finished sweater lay nicely and allows your head to fit easily through the neck opening.

As you cast on you will be placing stitch markers to divide the total neck stitches into sections. The four markers of the same color (color A) will be used to separate the front, sleeves and back. The other two stitch markers (color B) will be used to mark the right front and left front stitches.

Cast On In The Following Order

1 stitch (this stitch will be used to create the right side of the neck front)

Place marker B1

1 stitch (this stitch will be used to increase)

Place marker A1

Sleeve stitches: _____ + 2 increase stitches = _____

Place marker A2

Back stitches: _____ + 2 increase stitches = _____

Place marker A3

Sleeve stitches: _____ + 2 increase stitches = _____

Place marker A4

1 stitch (this stitch will be used to increase)

Place marker B2

1 stitch (this stitch will be used to create the right side of the neck front)

Example:

Using the numbers from equations 2 and 3 from the "Calculating the Neck Stitches" worksheet, my cast on will be as follows;

1, marker B, 1, marker A, 10 (8 sleeve sts + 2), marker A, 33 (31 back sts + 2), marker A, 10 (8 sleeve sts + 2), marker A, 1, marker B, 1