



# WOMAN'S COAT SWEATER (or Cardigan Sweater)

*Equipment Needed:*

*Yarn*—4/8, about 1 to 1½ pounds of any color not too bright.

*Needles*—two needles to fit the Red Cross Needle Gauge marked for heavy sweaters. Needles one size smaller may be used to advantage for ribbing. Gauges available from Headquarters.

*Buttons*—6.

*Scale:*

5 stitches to the inch, 6 rows to the inch. Make a sample to determine whether or not your scale is the same as that given. If not, adjust the knitting directions to your own knitting by casting on fewer or more stitches, depending on whether you knit loosely or tightly. The sample of your knitting is also necessary because the yarn may vary slightly, making adjustments necessary in the number of stitches cast on.

*General Instructions:*

Always join new yarn at end of row. Never knot or splice yarn in middle of row.

These knitting directions are given as a guide. Other simple sweater instructions may be used so long as the garment is the proper size and of correct proportions.

These instructions may be varied by using four needles for making the cuffs, and other changes desired by the individual knitter, so long as the finished garment is accurate.

*Measurements:*

Small—Bust 34 inches, Length down center back, 23½ inches, Sleeve Length, 19 inches.

Medium—Bust 38 inches, Length down center back, 24½ inches, Sleeve Length, 20 inches.

Large—Bust 40 inches, Length down center back, 24½ inches, Sleeve Length, 21 inches.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING

	<i>Small</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Large</i>	
<i>Back</i> —Cast on.....	84	92	104	stitches
Knit 2, Purl 2 for.....	3	3	3	inches
Work in stockinette stitch (knit and purl alternate rows), with the exception of the first and last 2 sts. of each row which should be knit garter stitch) to form a neat seam, for.....	12½	13	13½	inches
ending in a purled row.				
Knit and slip on to a stitch holder.....	8	8	10	stitches
Knit.....	68	76	84	stitches
Slip on a stitch holder the last.....	8	8	10	stitches
Work in stockinette stitch (with the exception of the first and last 2 stitches of each row) on the for.....	68	76	84	stitches
ending in a purled row.	6	6	7	inches

\*Knit 1 row

(OVER)

	Small	Medium	Large	
Next row Knit .....	2	2	2	stitches
Purl .....	18	21	24	stitches
Knit .....	28	30	32	stitches
Purl .....	18	21	24	stitches
Knit .....	2	2	2	stitches
Repeat from * three times more, ending in a purled row.				
Next row: Knit and take off on a stitchholder .....	25	28	31	stitches
Bind off <i>loosely</i> .....	18	20	22	stitches
Knit .....	25	28	31	stitches
<i>Left Front</i> —Work in stockinette stitch (with the exception of 5 sttches at neck edge and 2 arm-hole sts. which should be knit garter stitch) for Continue 2 sts. at armhole for border in garter stitch and the garter stitch border on the 5 sts. around neck and down entire center front including the ribbed section.	2	2½	2½	inches
Then increase by knitting the front, and back of the 5th stitch from the neck on each knit row until there are .....	45	49	53	stitches
Continue in stockinette stitch with the exception of the border, until front measures .....	8	8½	9	inches
from back of neck.				
Add for underarm .....	8	8	10	stitches
Work front same as back. Bind off by knitting the knit stitches and purling the purled stitches.				
<i>Right Front</i> —Work to correspond with left, increasing in 5th stitch from neck as before. After the last increase, purl 1 row.				
Add for underarm .....	8	8	10	stitches
Next row: Knit .....	42	46	50	stitches
Bind off for buttonhole 2 stitches, knit 1.				
On next row, add 2 stitches opposite those bound off. Continue right front as left, binding off 2d and 3d stitches from center front for buttonholes, which should be about .....	2½	2¾	3	inches
apart.				
Work front same as back. Bind off by knitting the knit stitches and purling the purled stitches.				
<i>Sleeve</i> —Pick up and knit .....	70	80	90	stitches
including the .....	16	16	20	stitches
at underarm.				
Work in stockinette stitch decreasing at both ends every inch .....	17	18	19	times
Take off any extra stitches in last row before starting cuff, so that you will start cuff with ...	36	40	44	stitches
<i>Cuff</i> —Work in ribbing of K 2, P 2 for .....	2	2	2	inches
Bind off <i>loosely</i> , knitting the knit and purling the purled stitches.				
Seam sides and sleeves.				
Sew on buttons and press sweater with a warm iron and damp cloth.				
<i>Chapter Label</i> —Should be sewed inside the back at top of sweater.				
Either indicate size on label or add tag showing size.				

## DIRECTIONS FOR FOLDING AND BUNDLING

Straighten sweater on table, fold sleeves inward, fold and tie securely in bundles of five. Each bundle should be marked, indicating the number of garments of each size.

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