

10th Anniversary Knit for Kids Sweater Knitting Instructions

Sizes: Child's sizes 2 (4, 6, 8, 10)

Yarn Type:  No. 4
Medium/Worsted-Weight
Wool or Acrylic

Amount: 10 (12, 13, 14, 16) ounces

Total Yardage: 525 (580, 700, 715, 935) yards

Gauge: 20 stitches/26 rows = 4 inch square
Do not hesitate to change needle size to obtain correct gauge.

Needles: US Size 5 (3.75 mm) for bottom border; US Size 7 (4.5 mm) for body.



Back and Front (make 2):

There is no difference between the front and the back. Both sections are knit exactly alike.

Body:

With size 5 needles, cast on 61 (65, 69, 73, 77) stitches.

Row 1: (wrong side) Purl 1, Knit 1 across row ending with Purl 1.

Row 2: (right side) Knit 1, Purl 1 across row ending with Knit 1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 8 (10, 10, 10, 10) rows.

Beginning with a purl row, change to size 7 needles and work in stockinette stitch (Purl 1 row, Knit 1 row) until the piece measures 9¹/₂" (10¹/₂", 11¹/₂", 12¹/₂", 13¹/₂") from cast-on edge. End by working a purl row.

Sleeves and Yoke:

This portion of the sweater is worked in garter stitch (knit every row). Also, the sleeves will have a nicer finished edge if you slip the first stitch (as if to knit) every row on the sleeves.

Row 1: Add on 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) stitches loosely for the first sleeve and knit across (remember to slip the first stitch of every row) 93 (99, 105, 111, 117) stitches.

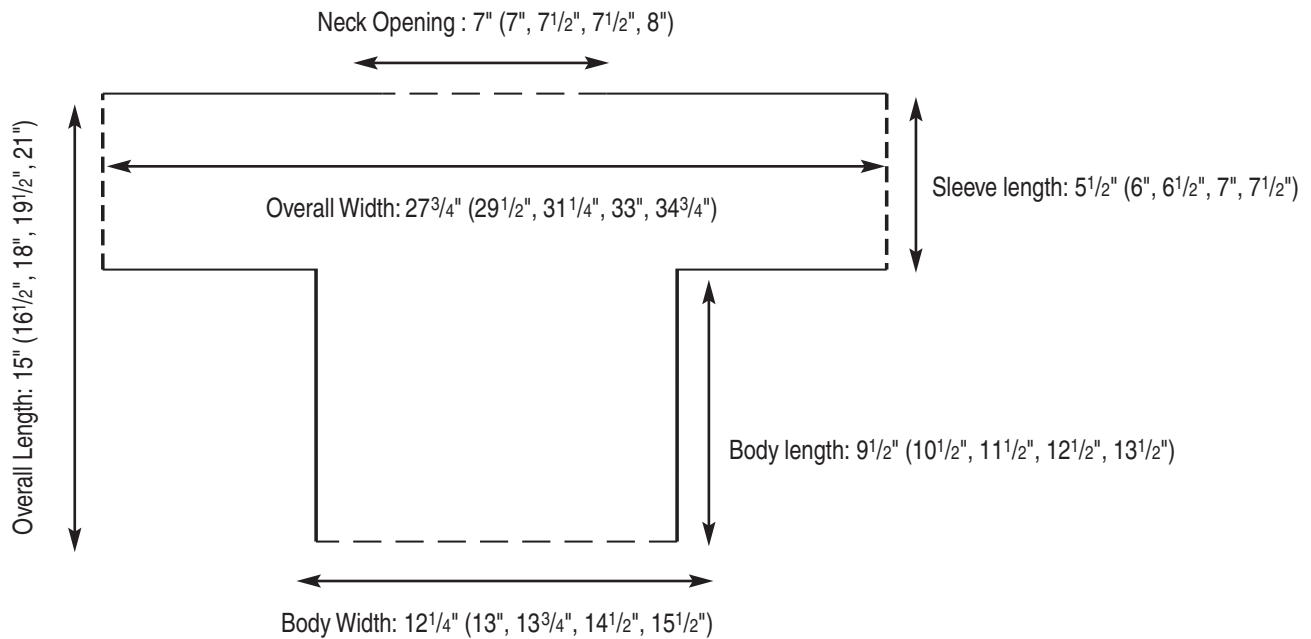
Row 2: Add on 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) stitches loosely for the second sleeve and knit across being sure to slip the first stitch. You should now have a total of 125 (133, 141, 149, 157) stitches.

Row 3: Slip 1 as if to knit, knit across.

Repeat Row 3, until sleeve measures 5¹/₂" (6", 6¹/₂", 7", 7¹/₂"). End by working a wrong side row. Bind off all stitches loosely in knit.

Finishing:

Sew shoulder seams leaving a 7" (7", 7½", 7½", 8") neck opening. Sew sleeve and sides together in one continuous seam. The diagram below shows sweater's finished flat sizes.



Finishing Tips:

Finishing a sweater is many knitter's least favorite part of the job, but it doesn't have to be. If you follow these techniques, the process is relatively painless, and produces a seam that is virtually invisible. Here's how:

- Unlike regular sewing, sweaters are *always* sewn with the **right sides facing out**.
- Don't use the same yarn you've used to knit the sweater with to sew it together. Using a different color yarn allows you to better see what you are doing.
- Try using a light-weight yarn in a similar color. Once the garment is sewn together the yarn used for sewing completely disappears. Do not use sewing thread.
- Cut a piece of yarn approximately twice the length of the seam. Attach the yarn by inserting the needle through a single stitch, then with the **right sides facing you**, sew the pieces together by picking up one stitch under the needle on either side. (*See illustration at right*). It's easier if you keep the yarn relatively loose. The seams should have almost as much stretch as the sweater itself. When you have completed sewing the seam, turn sweater inside out and weave all your ends in the seam allowance for about 2" and ending by making a few back stitches to secure the end before cutting off the yarn.



Stitching an invisible seam.