

# CUSTOMFIT

## NECKLINE OPTIONS

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Here's a quick guide to the basic neckline shapes:

**V necklines** remove all stitches evenly along the whole neck depth

width: works well with any

depth: shallow 6" (15 cm) below the shoulder

1-2" (2.5 - 5 cm) above the armhole

average 8" (20.5 cm) below the shoulder

0" (cm) above or below the armhole

deep 1-3" (2.5 - 7.5 cm) below the armhole

**Crew necklines** remove stitches in 3 sections: bind-offs, every row decreases, and every RS row decreases

width: best with narrow or average

depth: shallow 2" (2.5 cm) below the shoulder

average 3" (7.5 cm) below the shoulder

deep 4" (10 cm) below the shoulder

**Scoop necklines** remove stitches in 3 sections: bind-offs, every RS row decreases, and every 4th or 6th row decreases

width: works well with any

depth: shallow 5 - 6" (13 - 15 cm) below the shoulder

average 0 - 2" (0 - 2.5 cm) above the armhole

deep 0" (cm) above or below the armhole

**Boat necklines** remove all but a few stitches in bind-offs, then decrease the rest every RS row

width: best with wide

depth: shallow 1" (2.5 cm) below shoulder

average 2" (5 cm) below the shoulder

deep 3" (7.5 cm) below the shoulder

# BEYOND THE SHAPE

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*Getting something we think of as a “neckline” usually means choosing one of the basic shapes above, and then working something other than the basic trim.*

*Here’s a quick guide to getting what you may be after:*

**Mock Turtlenecks** Crew neckline shape, join for working in the round, trim height of 3 - 4” (7.5 - 5 cm)

**Turtlenecks** Crew neckline shape, join for working in the round, trim height of 7 - 9” (18 - 23 cm), increase needle size halfway through

**Cowls** Scoop neckline shape, join for working in the round, trim height of 8 - 14” (20.5 - 35.5 cm), increase needle size every 3” (7.5 cm)

**Hoods** Crew neck shape, trim height varies. Procedure:

**Cardigan:** Pick up stitches all the way around the neckline.

**Pullovers:** Optionally leave a 2 - 4” (5 - 10 cm) gap at front of neck

**All:** Work stitches until trim clears crown of head. Decrease 2 sts at center every RS row for 2- 3” (5 - 7.5 cm) to soften the hood’s point; hood should now easily clear head.

Place half of stitches on one needle and half on another; work a 3-needle bind-off to seal hood.

**Henleys** Shallow scoop neckline shape to start.

**Alter neck shaping:** Bind off ~ 1” (2.5cm) of center neckline stitches ~ 2” (5 cm) before CustomFit neck shaping starts. (These will be removed from “official” bind-offs at center neck.) Work straight to CustomFit neck instructions.

**Finishing:** Trim the henley “notch” before round portion of neckline

**Shawl Collars** are fussier & have their own sheet!