

CUSTOMFIT TIPS & TRICKS

CustomFit is pretty simple to use, but you & your knitters may have questions - so here are my top tips and tricks for getting the most out of CustomFit:

Keep it simple for new CustomFit knitters

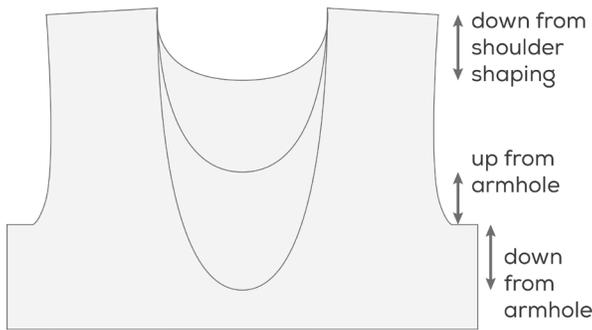
I suggest using designs that are built right in for a knitter's first CF sweater.

- **Designs** include waist shaping and non-waist shaping options, and often have a stitch pattern or other interesting detail.
 - **Basics** work well with any yarn, and are great first sweaters
 - **Newer knitters** should work their sweaters in pieces, without adding stitch patterns or other embellishments
 - **A plain first sweater** gives you the chance to make sure the measurements are right, before mixing things up.
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The lowdown on CustomFit's "Fits"

Close, average, relaxed, and oversized turn into different specific ease numbers for different people (and genders)

- **Generally**, a "close" fit is intended to be worn without a layer underneath, an "average" to look tailored over a single layer, "relaxed" fits will accommodate a thicker layer, and "oversized" fits will be noticeably larger than the wearer all around.
 - **Hourglass sweaters** will always have some positive ease in the waist.
 - **Men and children** typically get more room in the shoulders and through the body, to match store-bought clothes.
 - **Get comfortable** with the "customize fit specifics" page - some knitters will want adjustments to CustomFit's out-of-the-box suggestions
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Necklines: shapes, depths, and how to specify them

Neckline depths can be specified as a total distance down from the shoulder point, up from the armhole shaping point, or down from the armhole shaping point. They do not include trim height. Some typical depths by neck shape:

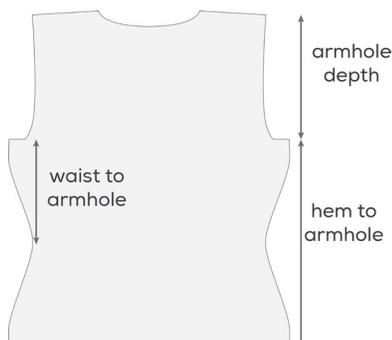
- **Vee:** ~1" (2.5 cm) above armhole shaping for shallow necklines, 2-3" (5 - 7.5 cm) below armhole shaping for deep
- **Crew:** 2.5 - 3.5" (6.5 - 9 cm) below shoulder shaping
- **Scoop:** 5-6" (12.5 - 15 cm) below shoulder shaping, or 0 - 1" (2.5 cm) above armhole shaping
- **Boat:** 2-3" (5 - 7.5 cm) below shoulder shaping

Specifying Buttonband Options:

There are two important dimensions for buttonbands: The **allowance** is how far apart the unfinished cardigan front edges will be, when worn. The **trim height** is how much trim you work after you've picked up the buttonband stitches.



- **Typical buttoned cardigan:** Allowance equals trim height
- **Typical open cardigan:** Allowance is twice trim height
- **Double-breasted cardigan:** Negative allowance



Sweater Lengths:

CustomFit will use the lengths exactly as listed in the measurements you've selected - so be sure they make sense!

In particular, make sure the average-and-longer sweater lengths below the armhole will sufficiently cover your knitter's front tum. Too long is better than too short!

- Armhole depth + below the armhole length = total sweater length
- Waist-to-armhole length should be shorter than shortest below-armhole length!