

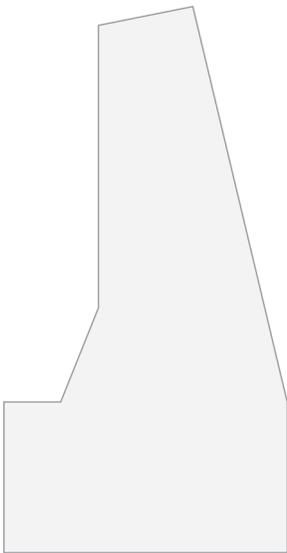
NECKLINE SHAPING WORKSHEET

Your front neckline shaping is flexible! Remember, you'll begin with front armhole shaping that matches the back, and you'll end with the exact same number of shoulder stitches as on the back. Calculate the number of stitches to remove in your front neckline this way:

$$\text{neckline sts} = \# \text{ of sts at bust} - (\# \text{ sts removed in armhole shaping} + \# \text{ shoulder sts})$$

Then, calculate your neck shaping instructions over those stitches based on the kind of neckline you'd like to work:

V NECK SHAPING



V-necklines remove stitches evenly along the neck edge. To calculate your rate of shaping, divide the total number of rows in your neckline by the number of stitches you need to remove on one side. Round down – this is your rate of shaping.

Example: Working an Options V-neck pullover

- The V-neck has 60 (64, 66, 68, 72, 74, 76, 80, 82, 86, 88, 92) rows
- The pullover must remove 30 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36, 38, 38, 40, 40, 40, 44) stitches total, or 15 (15, 16, 17, 18, 18, 19, 19, 20, 20, 20, 22) stitches along each side, during neck shaping
- Divide the number of rows by stitches to remove, and work a neck shaping row every 4 rows 15 (15, 16, 17, 18, 18, 19, 19, 20, 20, 20, 22) times total.
- Start shaping when piece measures 14 (14¼, 14½, 14¾, 15, 15¼, 15½, 15½, 16, 16, 16, 16)"/35.5 (36, 37, 37.5, 38, 38.5, 39.5, 39.5, 40.5, 40.5, 40.5, 40.5) cm (1" / 2.5 cm before the armholes)

CALCULATE YOUR OWN!

Here's a handy place to calculate your own shaping:

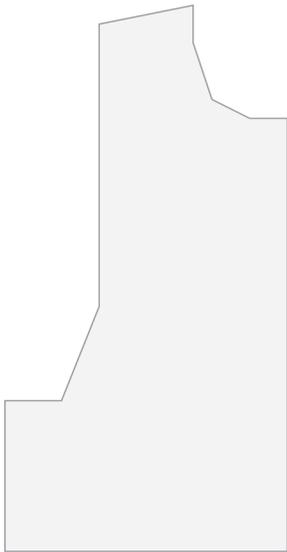
- (A) There are _____ rows in my neckline.
(B) I must remove _____ stitches in one side of my neckline.
(C) My rate of shaping is (A) divided by (B), rounded down: _____

Neck instructions:

I'll work a neck shaping row every (C) _____ rows
(B) _____ times, then complete front to match back height to shoulder.



CREW NECK SHAPING



Crew necklines remove stitches in three distinct sections: Bind-offs at the bottom of the neck, followed by two sections of shaping – one set worked every row, and one worked every RS row.

To calculate crew neck shaping, remove half of the stitches in the first set of bind-offs. Split the remaining decreases evenly between the two rates.

Example: Working an Options Crew-neck cardigan

- Neck shaping on each cardigan front must remove 18 (20, 17, 20, 21, 19, 20, 22, 23, 21, 23, 23) stitches
- Start shaping when piece measures 18½ (19¼, 19¾, 20¼, 21, 21½, 22, 22½, 23¼, 23¾, 24, 24½)"/47 (49, 50, 51.5, 53.5, 54.5, 56, 57, 59, 60.5, 61, 62) cm
- Bind off 9 (10, 8, 10, 10, 9, 10, 11, 11, 10, 11, 11) stitches
- Decrease every row 5 (5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) times
- Then decrease every RS row 4 (5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6) times

CALCULATE YOUR OWN!

Here's a handy place to note your own shaping:

- (A) There are _____ stitches to remove in my neckline.
(B) I'll remove half of (A) _____ stitches in the first bind-off row of my neckline.
(C) Cardigan: I have (A) - (B) _____ stitches left to remove in my neckline.
Pullover: I have (A - B) divided by 2 _____ stitches left to remove in each side of my neckline.
(D) I'll remove half of (C) - rounded up - _____ stitches every row.
(E) I'll remove (C) - (D) _____ stitches every RS row.

Neck instructions:

BO (B) _____ stitches, then work neck decrease row every row (D) _____ times, then every RS row (E) _____ times.

Complete front to match back height to shoulder.

