



1940s knitting patterns

A practical pullover

Materials

9oz. of Jaeger "Feather-Fleck" (9d. per oz.), and 1 pair each of No. 9 and No. 12 Jaeger knitting needles.

Measurements

Length from shoulder at armhole edge, 19.5 inches; width all round under the arms, 37 inches; length of sleeve seam, 18.5 inches.

Tension

7 stitches to 1 inch in width, and 21 rows to 2 inches in depth.

Abbreviations

K. = knit; p. = purl; sts. = stitches; rep. = repeat; sl. = slip; tog. = together; inc. = increase or increasing; dec. = decrease or decreasing.

Casting-on

If you cast on with two needles work into the back of all cast-on sts. to produce firm edges, but if you use the thumb method this is not necessary.

The back

Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 130 sts. using No. 12 needles and work 3 inches in k.1, p.1 rib. Change to No. 9 needles and the pattern as follows:

1st row: Sl.1, k. to end.

2nd row: Sl. 1, * k.1, p.1. Rep. from * finishing k.1.

3rd row: Sl.1, k. to end.

4th row: Sl.1, * p.1, k.1. Rep. from * finishing k.2. These 4 rows form the pattern and are rep. throughout. Continue in pattern until the work measures 12 inches from the beginning, finishing with the work right side towards you.

The armhole shaping: Cast off 4 sts. at the beginning of the next 8 rows (98 sts.). Continue without dec. until the armholes measure 7.5 inches on the straight, finishing with the work right side towards you.

The neck and shoulder shaping: Next row: Pattern 24, cast off 50, pattern 23. Continue on the last 24 sts., casting off 6 sts. at the beginning of the next row, then on every alternate row until all sts. are cast off. Join the wool to the inside edge of the other side and work this up to match the first.

The front

Work this exactly like the back until the work, measures 11 inches from the beginning, finishing with the work right side towards you.

The neck shaping: next row : Pattern 65 sts., turn (leaving the remaining sts. on a st. holder). Continue on the last 65 sts., dec. 1 st. at the beginning of the next row, then on every 4th row following until the work measures 12 inches from the beginning, finishing with the work right side towards you.

The armhole shaping: Cast off 4 sts. at the beginning of the next 4 alternate rows. But at the same time continue dec. at the neck edge until 44 sts. remain. Now dec. 1 st. at the neck edge on every 3rd row until 24 sts. remain. Continue without dec. until the armhole measures 7.5 inches on the straight, finishing with the work right side towards you.

The shoulder shaping: Cast off 6 sts. at the beginning of the next row, then on every alternate row until all sts. are cast off. Join the wool to the inside edge of the other side and work up this to match the first.

The sleeves

Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 60 sts. using No. 12 needles and work 2.5 inches in k.1, p.1 rib. Change to No. 9 needles and the pattern, inc. 1 st. at both ends of the 7th row, then on every 8th row following until there are 96 sts. on the needle. Continue without inc. until the work measures 18 inches from the beginning, measured down the centre. Now shape the top by casting off 2 sts. at the beginning of every row until 12 sts. remain. Cast off.

The neck band

Cast on 190 sts. using No. 12 needles and work 10 rows in k.1, p.1 rib, dec.1 st. at both ends of every row. Cast off.

The making up

Press the work on the wrong side with a warm iron and damp cloth. Join the shoulders, sew in the sleeves, and press the seams. Sew up the side and sleeve seams, and press them. Join the neck band, then sew the band round the neck edge and press the seams.