Child's Easy Bulky Sweater

With your choice of 3 different necks, 2 different edges & plain or cabled front.
Designed by Melinda Goodfellow

SIZES: Directions are for child’s XS (6-12 mos). The changes for child’s XS (2-3 yrs.), child’s SM (4-5 yrs.), child’s MED (6-8 yrs.) & child’s LRG (10-12 yrs.) are in parentheses. For a child’s XL follow adult’s SM.

*THIS SWEATER HAS A ROOMY FIT*. Knit size that corresponds to child’s AGE. When in doubt make next size larger. It is better to have a sweater that is a little large than one that is too small. Remember to always check your gauge.


Needles: Straight needles #8 & #10 OR size needed to obtain gauge.
16” circular needle #8 (for neck).
2 stitch holders.
2 Stitch markers (M) & 1 cable needle (CN) (CABLE FRONT).

GAUGE: 3 1/2 sts = 1 inch. PLEASE CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

To check your gauge cast on 14 sts using larger needles. Work in stockinette stitch (K1 row, P1 row) for 4”. Slip sts off needle, uncurl edges & measure. Piece should measure 4” across. If larger go down a needle size & if smaller go up a needle size. Remake your gauge until it measures 4” across.

BACK: With smaller needles cast on 42(48-56-62-70) sts. For roll edge work in K1 row, P1 row for 1” ending having just purled a row. For rib edge work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1”. Then for BOTH edges change to larger needles and work in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) until entire piece measures 7 1/2(8 1/2-10 1/2-12 1/2-14)” or desired length to underarm.

Armhole shaping: Bind off 1(1-2-2) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. There are 40(46-52-58-66) sts on needle. Continue to work in stockinette st until armhole measures 5 1/2(6 1/2-7 1/2-8 1/2-9 1/2)” End having just purled a row. On next row bind off 10(12-14-17-20) sts, work across next 20(22-24-26-29) sts and slip to holder for back of neck. Bind off remaining 10(12-14-17-20) sts.

FRONT (Follow directions given below for your choice of PLAIN or CABLE front):

1.) PLAIN Front (roll OR rib edges): Work same as for BACK until armhole measures 2 1/2"(3 1/2-4 1/2-5 1/2-6 1/2)”. End having just purled a row. *Neck shaping: On next row work across first 12(15-17-20-23) sts, K2 tog, slip center 12(12-14-16-18) sts to holder for front neck, join new ball of yarn, K2 tog, work across remaining 12(15-17-20-23) sts. Continue working both sides at once AND AT SAME TIME decrease 1 st at each neck edge every knit row 4 MORE times (5 times TOTAL). There are 9(12-14-17-20) sts on each shoulder. Work until armhole measures same as for back. On next row bind off all sts straight across.

2.) CABLE Front (roll OR rib edges): Work same as for back until your edge is complete. End having just purled a row. Then change to larger needles and begin cable stitch as follows;

Rows 1, 3, 7 & 9 (right side): Knit across first 16(19-23-26-30) sts, M (place Marker), P1, K8, P1, M (place Marker), knit across remaining 16(19-23-26-30) sts.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 (wrong side): Purl to M, slip M, K1, P8, K1, slip M, purl to end.

Rows 5 (right side): Knit to M, P1, slip next 4 sts to CN (cable needle) & hold in back of work, K next 4 sts, then K 3sts from CN, P1, knit to end.

Continue to repeat Rows 1-10 of cable stitch as established AND work same as for BACK until armhole measures 2 1/2(3 1/2-4 1/2-5 1/2-6 1/2)”. End having just purled a row. Now shape neck by following directions for *Neck Shap- ing under 1.) PLAIN Front.
SLEEVE: Sew shoulder seams. With larger needles and right side facing, pick up and K 38(46-52-60-66) sts around armhole. Purl 1 row. On next row begin decreasing for sleeve as follows;

Row 1: K1, slip 1 (as if to purl), K1, PSSO (pass slipped st over knit st), knit until there are 3sts on needle, K2 tog, K1.

Rows 2, 4 & 6: Purl across row.

Rows 3 & 5: Knit across row.

Repeat Rows 1-6 a TOTAL of 6(8-10-12-14) times, there are 26(30-32-36-38) sts on needle. Work even until sleeve measures 7(9-11-14-16)" or 1" less than desired sleeve length. End having just knit a row. On next row decrease 0(2-4-5) sts evenly spaced across row. There are 26(28-30-32-34) sts on needle. Change to smaller needles. For Roll edge continue working in stockinette st for 1" AND for Rib edge work in K1, P1 rib for 1". Then for BOTH edges bind off loosely in ribbing using larger needle.

NECKBAND: Using circular needle start at right shoulder and K 20(22-24-26-28) sts from back holder, pick up and K 10 sts along neck edge, K 12(14-16-18-20) sts from front holder, pick up and K 10 sts along neck edge. There are 52(54-58-62-66) sts on needle. Follow instructions below for your desired neck style.

Roll neck: knit every round for 2" (crew neck) OR 4" (mock turtle neck). Bind off loosely using a larger needle.

Funnel neck: knit every round for 2 1/2", work 2 rows of K1, P1 rib. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

Rib neck: work in K1, P1 rib for 1". Bind off loosely in ribbing.

FINISHING: Sew side and sleeve seams. BLOCKING: Cover with damp cloth and steam lightly with iron. If your sweater looks fine you do not need to block it.

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**Adult's Easy Bulky Sweater**

With your choice of 3 different necks, 2 different edges, & plain or cable front. Designed by Melinda Goodfellow

SIZES: Directions are for adult's SM. The changes for adult's MED, adult's LRG, adult's X-LRG & adult's XX-LRG are in parentheses. For a adult's X-SM follow child's LRG.

This sweater has a roomy fit. To assure a perfect fitting sweater, measure a bulky sweater that you like the fit of & match it to the FINISHED CHEST MEASUREMENT below. Remember to **always check your gauge**.


Needles: Straight needles #8 & #10 OR size needed to obtain gauge.
16" circular needle #8 (for neck)
2 stitch holders
2 Stitch markers (M) & 1 cable needle (CN) (for Cable front).

GAUGE: 3 1/2 sts = 1 inch. PLEASE CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

To check your gauge cast on 14 sts using larger needles. Work in stockinette stitch (K1 row, P1 row) for 4". Slip off needle, uncurl edges & measure. Piece should measure 4" across. If larger go down a needle size & if smaller go up a needle size. Remake your gauge until it measures 4" across.

BACK: With smaller needles cast on 74(80-88-94-102) sts. For roll edge work in K1 row, P1 row for 1" ending having just purled a row. For rib edge work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1 1/2". Then for BOTH edges change to larger needles and work in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) until entire piece measures 15(16-17-18-18)" or desired length to underarm.

Armhole shaping: Bind off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. There are 68(74-82-88-96) sts on needle. Continue to work in stockinette st until armhole measures 10(10 1/2-11-12-13)". End having just purled a row. On next row bind off 21(23-27-29-32) sts, work across next 26(28-28-30-32) sts and slip to holder for back of neck, bind off remaining 21(23-27-29-32) sts.
FRONT (Follow directions given below for your choice of PLAIN or CABLE front):

1.) PLAIN FRONT (roll edge OR rib edge): Work the same as for BACK until armhole measures 7(1/2-8-9-10)”. End having just purled a row. **Neck Shaping:** On next row work across first 24(26-30-32-35) sts, K2 tog, slip center 16(18-18-20-22) sts to holder for front neck, join new ball of yarn, K2 tog, work across remaining 24(26-30-32-35) sts. Continue working both sides at once AND AT SAME TIME decrease 1 st at each neck edge every knit row 4 MORE times (5 times total). There are 21(23-27-29-32) sts on each shoulder. Work until armhole measures same as for back. On next row bind off all sts straight across.

2.) CABLE FRONT (roll OR rib edge): Work edge same as for back until your edge is complete. End having just purled a row. Then change to larger needles and begin cable stitch as follows:

   **Rows 1,3,7 & 9 (right side):** Knit across first 32(35-39-42-46) sts, M (place Marker), P1, K8, P1, M (place Marker), knit across remaining 32(35-39-42-46) sts.

   **Rows 2,4,6,8 & 10 (wrong side):** Purl to M, slip M, K1, P8, K1, slip M, purl to end.

   **Row 5 (right side):** Knit to M, P1, slip next 4 sts to CN (cable needle) & hold in back of work, K next 4 sts and K3 from CN. P1, knit to end.

Continue to repeat **Rows 1-10** of cable stitch as established AND work same as for BACK until armhole measures 7(1/2-8-9-10)”. End having just purled a row. Now shape neck by following directions for **Neck Shaping** under 1.) PLAIN FRONT.

SLEEVE: Sew shoulder seams. With larger needles and right side facing, pick up and K 68(72-74-80-86) sts around armhole. Purl 1 row. On next row begin decreasing for sleeve as follows:

   **Row 1:** K1, slip 1 (as if to purle), K1, PSSO (pass slipped st over knit st), knit until there are 3 sts on needle, K2 tog, K1.

   **Rows 2, 4 & 6:** Purl across row.

   **Rows 3 & 5:** Knit across row.

Repeat **Rows 1-6** a TOTAL of 15(16-17-18-18) times, there are 38(40-40-44-50) sts on needle. Work even until sleeve measures 18(19-20-21-21)” or 1” less than desired sleeve length. End having just knit a row. On next row decrease 4(4-4-6-8) sts evenly spaced across row. There are 34(36-36-38-42) sts on needle. Change to smaller needles. For roll edge continue working in stockinette st for 1” AND for rib edge work in K1, P1 rib for 1”. Then for both edges bind off loosely in ribbing using larger needle.

NECKBAND: Using circular needle start at right shoulder and K26(28-28-30-32) sts from back holder, pick up and K 10 sts along neck edge, K 16(18-18-20-22) sts from front holder, pick up and K 10 sts along neck edge. There are 62(66-66-70-74) sts on needle. Follow instructions below for your desired neck style.

   **Roll neck:** Knit every round for 2” (crew neck) OR 4” (mock turtle neck). Bind off loosely with larger needles.

   **Funnel neck:** Knit every round for 2 1/2”, work 2 rows of K1, P1 rib. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

   **Rib neck:** work in K1, P1 rib for 1”. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

FINISHING: Sew side and sleeve seams. BLOCKING: Cover with damp cloth and steam lightly with iron. If your sweater looks fine you do not need to block it.

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