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# Boyfriend Sweater

with  
**SIMPLY SOFT®**  
**SHADOWS**

designed by Treva G. McCain

**TECHNIQUE USED:** Crochet



## SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

**Bust** 37 1/2 (41, 44, 47 1/2,  
51)"/95.5 (104, 112, 120.5, 129.5)  
cm  
**Length** 24 1/2 (25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27  
1/2, 28 1/2)"/62 (65, 67.5, 70, 72.5)  
cm

## MATERIALS

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[Caron International's Simply Soft Shadows](#)

(100% Acrylic, 3oz/85g, 150yds/137m): 42 (48, 55, 62, 70) oz.

**Shown in:** #0008 Opal Twist.

One size US I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge.

Stitch markers

Yarn needle



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**GAUGE**

In Basketweave pattern, 14 1/2 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm.

**STITCHES USED**

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st).

**SPECIAL TERMS**

**BPdc:** Back-post double crochet – Yarn over, insert hook from back to front and then to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, complete as dc.

**FPdc:** Front-post double crochet – Yarn over, insert hook from front to back and then to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, complete as dc.

**hdc2tog:** Half double crochet 2 together – [Yarn over, insert hook in next st and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

**PATTERN STITCHES****Raised Rib (multiple of 3 sts + 2)**

**Row 1 (RS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, \*FPdc around next sc 2 rows below, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from \* across, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, \*FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from \* across, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows for Raised Rib.

**Basketweave (multiple of 6 sts + 2)**

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in first st, \*FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts; repeat from \* across, hdc in last st, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, hdc in first st, \*BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts; repeat from \* across, hdc in last st.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 3.

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 2.

Repeat Rows 2–5 for Basketweave.

**NOTE**

The turning chains do not count as stitches. Take care to not work into the turning chains.

**BACK****Ribbing**

Ch 57 (63, 69, 75, 81).

**Row 1:** Work Row 1 of Raised Rib pattern—56 (62, 68, 74, 80) sc. Continue in Raised Rib until piece measures 2 1/2"/6.5 cm from beginning; end with a RS row (a Row 5).

### Body

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (does not count as st here and throughout), dc in first 4 (1, 4, 1, 4) sts, [dc in next 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, 2 dc in next st] 12 times, dc in each remaining st across, turn—68 (74, 80, 86, 92) dc.

**Row 2:** Work Row 2 of Basketweave pattern.

Continue in Basketweave until piece measures 16 1/2 (17, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 18)"/42 (43, 44.5, 44.5, 45.5) cm from beginning. Place a marker on each end of last row for sleeve placement.

Continue in Basketweave until piece measures 24 1/2 (25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27 1/2, 28 1/2)"/62 (63, 67.5, 70, 72.5) cm from beginning.

Fasten off.

### FRONT

Work same as back until piece measures 20 1/2 (21 1/2, 22, 23, 23 1/2)"/52 (54.5, 56, 58.5, 59.5) cm from beginning.

#### Shape Neck and First Shoulder

**Note:** When decreasing in Basketweave pattern, a complete first or last repeat of post stitches may not be possible. Begin every row with an hdc, then work post sts across to the last st, aligning front and back post stitches to maintain the basketweave effect, and work an hdc in the last st.

**Row 1:** Continue in Basketweave over first 28 (31, 33, 36, 38) sts; leave remaining sts unworked for second shoulder, turn.

**Row 2 (decrease row):** Ch 2, hdc2tog, continue in Basketweave across, hdc in last st, turn—27 (30, 32, 35, 37) sts.

**Row 3 (decrease row):** Continue in Basketweave across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st, turn—26 (29, 31, 34, 36) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows until only 22 (24, 26, 28, 30) sts remain.

Continue in Basketweave, with no decreases, until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

#### Shape Neck and Second Shoulder

Sk 11 (11, 13, 13, 15) unworked sts following first shoulder, and join yarn with sl st in next st.

**Row 1:** Ch 2, hdc in next st, continue in Basketweave across, hdc in last st, turn—28 (31, 33, 36, 38) sts.

**Row 2 (decrease row):** Continue in Basketweave across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st, turn—27 (30, 32, 35, 37) sts.

**Row 3 (decrease row):** Ch 2, hdc2tog, continue in Basketweave across, hdc in last st, turn—26 (29, 31, 34, 36) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows until only 22 (24, 26, 28, 30) sts remain.

Continue in Basketweave, with no decreases, until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

### **SLEEVE (make 2)**

Ch 30 (30, 33, 36, 39).

**Row 1:** Work Row 1 of Raised Rib pattern (defined above)—29 (29, 32, 35, 38) sc.

Continue in Raised Rib until piece measures 2"/5 cm from beginning; end with a RS row (a Row 5).

**Next Row:** Ch 2 (does not count as st here and throughout), dc in first 1 (1, 4, 4, 1) sts, [dc in next 2 (2, 1, 2, 2) sts, 2 dc in next st] 9 (9, 12, 9, 12) times, dc in each remaining st across, turn—38 (38, 44, 44, 50) dc.

**Next 2 Rows:** Work Rows 2 and 3 of Basketweave pattern.

**Note:** When increasing in Basketweave pattern, a complete first or last repeat of post stitches may not be possible. Begin every row with an hdc, then work post sts across to the last st, aligning front and back post stitches to maintain the basketweave effect, and work an hdc in the last st.

**Next Row (increase row):** Ch 2, 2 hdc in first st (increase made), continue in Basketweave across, 2 hdc in last st (increase made), turn—40 (40, 46, 46, 52) dc.

**Next 2 Rows:** Continue in Basketweave.

Rep last 3 rows until there are 70 (74, 78, 84, 88) sts across.

Continue in Basketweave pattern, with no increases, until piece measures 21 1/2 (22, 23, 23, 23 1/2)" / 54.5 (56, 58.5, 58.5, 59.5) cm from beginning. Fasten off.

### **FINISHING**

Sew shoulder seams. Sew top of sleeves to armholes between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams.

#### **Neckband**

**Round 1:** With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in shoulder seam, ch 1, work sc evenly around entire neck edge, ensure that you work an even number of sc; join with sl st in first sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

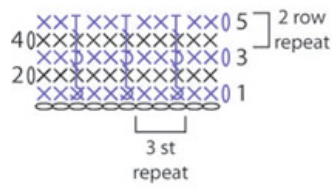
**Round 3:** Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, FPtr around next sc 2 rows below, \*sc in next sc, FPtr around next sc 2 rows below: repeat from \* around; join with sl st in first sc.

**Rounds 4 and 5:** Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. Block, if desired.

Raised Rib



Basketweave

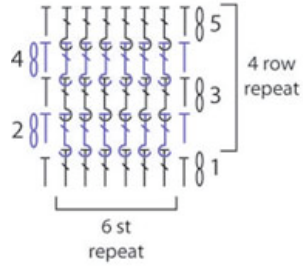
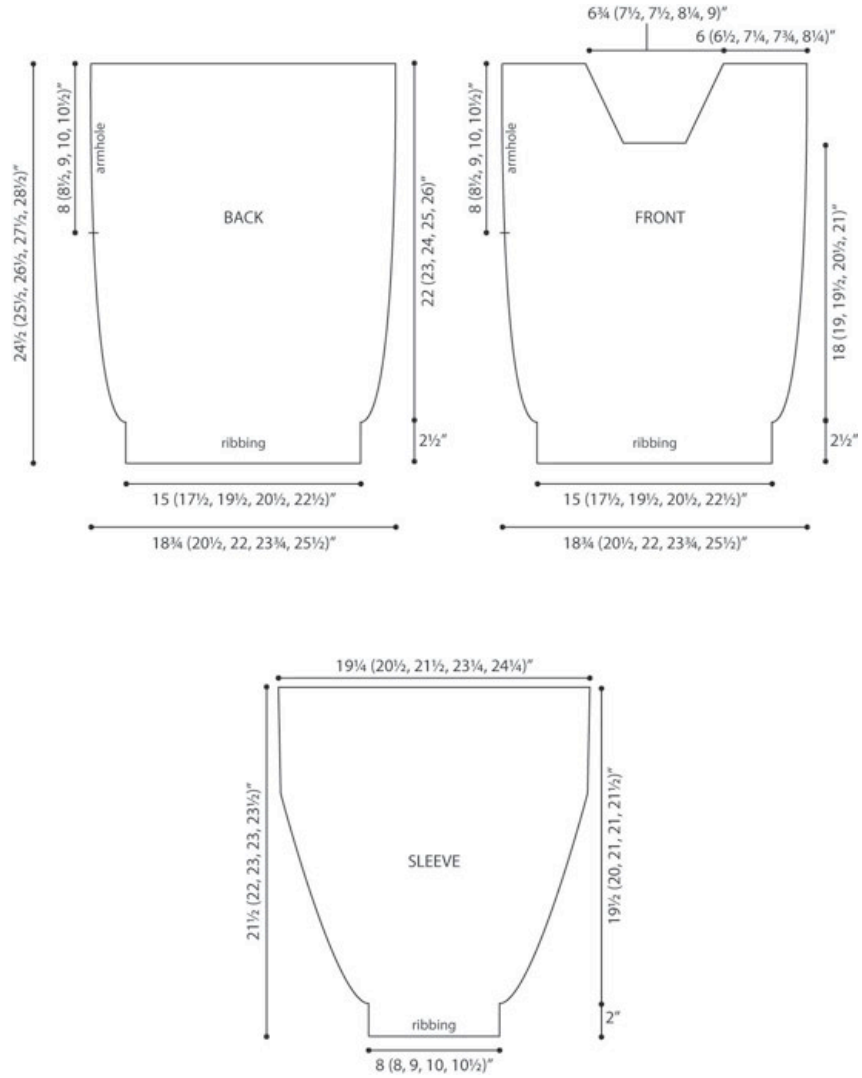


Diagram Key

- = chain (ch)
- × = single crochet (sc)
- ┆ = half double crochet (hdc)
- ┆ = double crochet (dc)
- ┆ = front post double crochet (FPDC)
- ┆ = back post double crochet (BPDC)



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