



## Party Sweater

*Let the festivities begin! Here's the perfect knit sweater to make (or give) for the holiday season. The versatile, easy-to-wear styling is given a bit of party sparkle with yarns that have metallic in their mix.*

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**Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, and XX-Large are in parentheses.**

**RED HEART® Shimmer™:** 4 (4, 5, 6, 6) balls 1929 Red **A**.  
**RED HEART® Boutique™ Ribbons™:** 1 ball 1937 Fire **B**.

**Knitting Needles:** 4.5mm [US 7].

**Circular Knitting Needle:** 4.5mm [US 7] – 24".

Stitch holders, yarn needle.

**Gauge:** 20 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" with **A** in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

### SWEATER

#### Back

With **A**, cast on 89 (99, 109, 119, 129) sts. Work in ribbing as follows:

**Row 1 (Right Side):** K1, \* p1, k1; repeat from \* across.

**Row 2:** P1, \* k1, p1; repeat from \* across.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for ribbing for 1½", end Row 2.

Now work in St st, begin Knit row, shaping sides by decreasing 1 st at each edge every 6th row 5 times – 79 (89, 99, 109, 119) sts. Work even until 7½ (8, 8½, 8½, 9)" from beginning. Increase 1 st at each edge every 6th row 5 times – 89 (99, 109, 119, 129) sts. Work even until 14½ (15, 15½, 16, 16½)" from beginning, end Purl row.

#### Shape Armholes

Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 st at each edge every Knit row 5 (6, 8, 9, 10) times. Work even on 69 (75, 79, 85, 89) sts until armhole measures 5½ (6, 6½, 7, 7½)", end Purl row.

#### Divide for Neck

K17 (20, 22, 25, 27) sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn, K35 sts and put these 35 sts on holder for back neck, Knit remaining 17 (20, 22, 25, 27) sts. Working both sides separately at the same time, decrease 1 st at neck edge twice. Work even on 15 (18, 20, 23, 25) sts until armhole measures 6½ (7, 7½, 8, 8½)". Place sts on holders for shoulders.

#### Front

Work same as for back until armhole measures 2½ (3, 3½, 4, 4½)", end Purl row.

#### Divide for Neck

K20 (23, 25, 28, 30) sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn, K29 sts and put these 29 sts on a holder for front neck, Knit remaining 20 (23, 25, 28, 30) sts. Working both sides separately at the same time, decrease 1 st at neck edge 5 times. Work even on 15 (18, 20, 23, 25) sts until armhole measures 6½ (7, 7½, 8, 8½)". Place sts on holders for shoulders.



**Join Shoulders**

Join shoulders using 3-needle bind-off: Place sts on needles with needle points at arm edge. Hold pieces with right sides together and beginning at arm edge, insert needle as if to knit into first st on front needle and then into first st on back needle, yarn over and draw yarn through both sts; \* insert needle into next st on front needle and into corresponding st on back needle, yarn over and draw yarn through both sts, slip first st on 3rd needle over 2nd st and off the needle – one st bound off. Repeat from \* until all sts are bound off. Repeat on remaining shoulder.

**Sleeves**

With **A**, cast on 49 (53, 55, 57, 59) sts. Work in ribbing same as for Back for 1½", end Row 2. Change to St st, begin Knit row, shaping sides by increasing 1 st at each edge every 8th row 5 (6, 7, 9, 10) times. Work even on 59 (65, 69, 75, 79) sts until 11 (11½, 12, 12½, 13)" from beginning, end Purl row.

**Shape Cap**

Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Decrease 1 st at each edge every Knit row 17 (19, 20, 22, 22) times. Bind off remaining 15 sts.

Sew side seams. Sew sleeve seams. Center sleeve into armhole and sew into place.

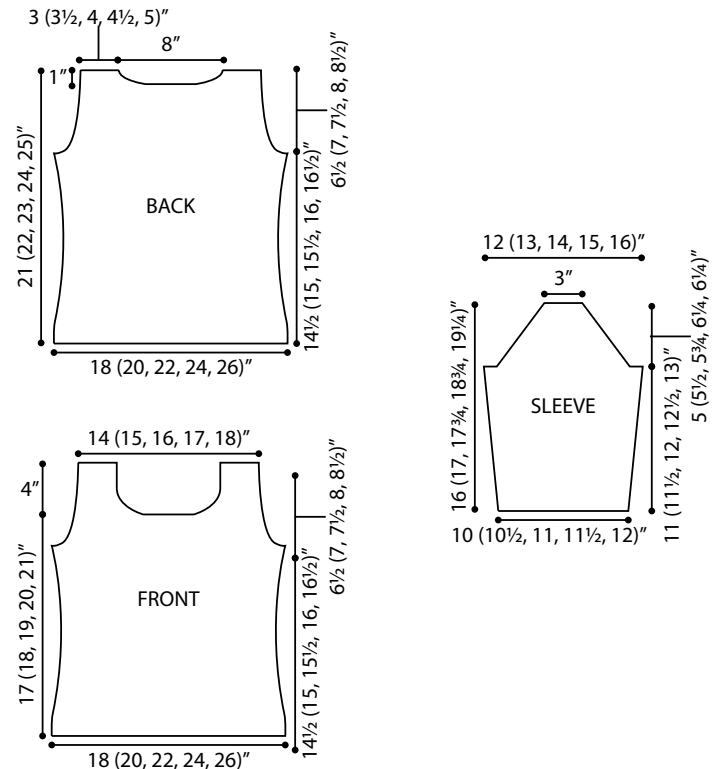
**Neck Edging**

With circular needle and **A**, pick up and K5 sts down right back neck edge, K35 back neck sts, pick up and K5 sts up left back neck edge, 20 sts down left front neck edge, K29 front neck sts, pick up and K20 sts up right front neck edge – 114 sts. \* Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Repeat from \* once more. Bind off.

**Roses (Make 5)**

With **B**, place 15 loops of yarn onto left needle. Knit 2 rows, using loops of yarn edge rather than wrapping yarn. Bind off. On last stitch, cut yarn an extra 1" from needle. Cut a strand of **A** 12" long and pull this strand through last stitch to fasten off. Loosely spiral the ruffle while using the **A** to anchor it in place from the loop edge. Once spiraled, attach it to the sweater neckline.

**Abbreviations:** **A, B** = color A, B; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch (es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated. w



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