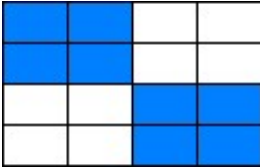


Ginny Gomez's G-Carriage Sideways Drop Shoulder Yoke Sweater

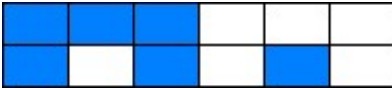
(Yoke knitted from wrist to wrist; lower body is knitted from the bottom up.)

This drop shoulder sweater can be knit on the standard or bulky machine. You can make cables from wrist to wrist or stripes on the sleeves. The yoke and the lower body can be different colors or textures. The sky is the limit. The below picture shows my sweater that was knitted with the g-carriage on a standard machine using the stitch patterns below in different locations.



Left side of lower body of yoke sweater

4 x 4



Right side of lower body of yoke sweater

2 x 6

One sleeve from cuff to center front/back; other half is plain knitting (purl side is the right side.)



2 x 6



Things you need to consider:

1. Determine how much ease you like. I don't like a lot. But you should know what your ease preference is. Try on a sweater that fits you the way you like and measure across. You will make the bottom body piece that width.
2. If you are using bulky yarn, remember that bulky knits are much stretchier than standard knits. You will need to take this into account when drafting the yoke.
3. Decide where you want the yoke to land on your chest. You don't want it to cut right across your bustline. I plan mine 2" to 2.5" above my bust line. Sideways knits will definitely stretch more than horizontal knits. When you attach the bottom of the sweater to the yoke, the weight of the body piece will pull it down. It's a good idea to make a swatch and hang a light weight on it to see how much drop you have.
4. The other thing to consider is how much ease you like in your upper arm area of your sleeves. Because this is a drop shoulder, it's easiest to measure up from the wrist (minus ribbing) to the upper arm. Measure around and adjust the measuring tape until you have the ease you want. I

usually add 3" to the circumference of my arm. You may like more. The more you add, the wider your yoke will be. Double-check to make sure that the yoke is still above your bustline. Measure from top of the shoulder (next to the neck) down to the bust point.

5. The wrist measurement of the sweater should be at least 3" bigger than your wrist or at least as big as your hand is around.
6. Measure the length of a sweater you like and subtract half the width of the yoke. The remainder will be the length you need to knit for the bottom body of the sweater.

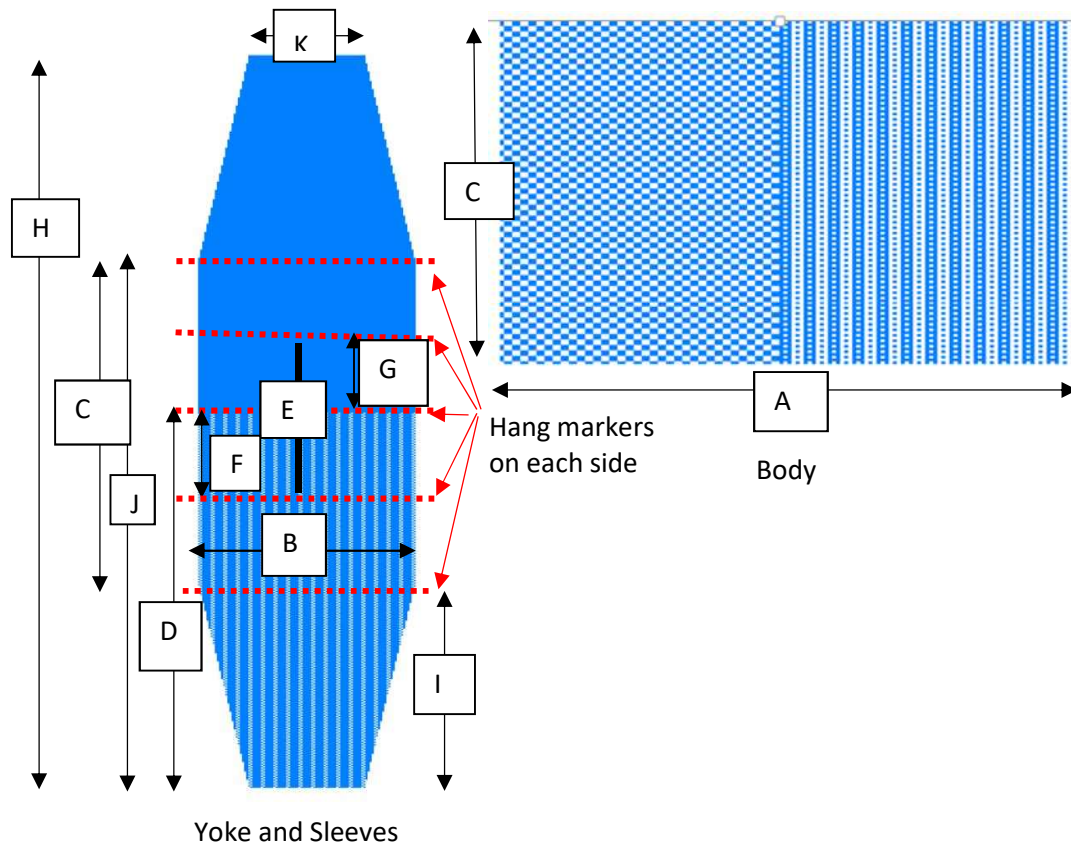
Make a swatch:

Knit your swatch. Let it rest and wash/dry it. If you're not going to put it in the dryer, lay it flat and let it air dry. To design your sweater you need to know the following:

Stitch gauge: _____

Row gauge: _____

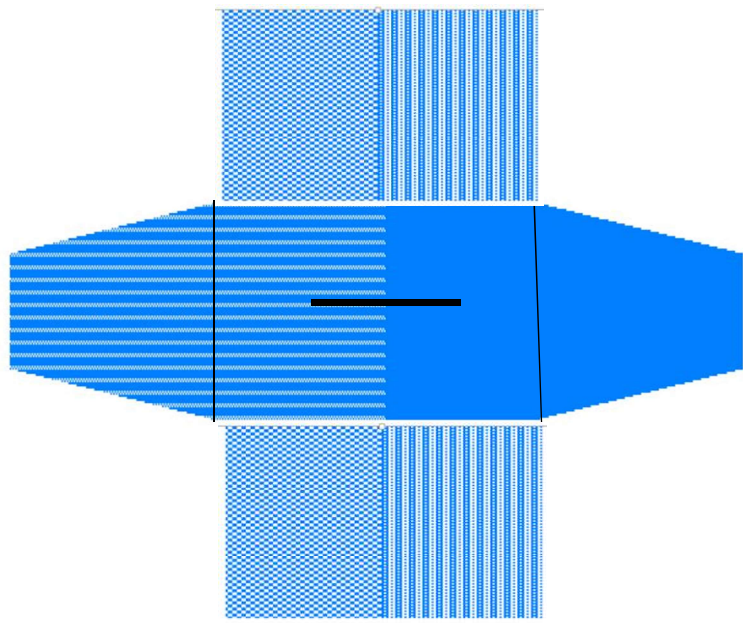
- A. Body width: _____ (inches); _____ (stitches); _____ (rows)
- B. Yoke width: _____ (inches); _____ (stitches);
- C. Body length (full length minus half of yoke width): _____ (inches); _____ (rows)
- D. Center front/back (Half of total length): _____ (rows) (Hang marker at center)
- E. Neck width: _____ (rows).
- F. Divide width of neck by 2 and subtract from center (Hang marker at **beginning** of neck opening: _____ (rows).
- G. Divide width of neck by 2 and add to center (Hang marker at **end** of neck opening: _____ (rows).
- H. Yoke length (wrist to wrist minus ribbing): _____ (rows)
- I. Sleeve length (Total length minus body width divided by 2): _____ (rows)
- J. One sleeve length + body width: _____ (rows)
- K. Wrist + ease measurement: _____ (stitches)



The sweater was knit on a Brother 940. If you don't have an electronic machine, you can knit the two halves on a punch card machine. Be sure to add a seaming stitch at the center front on each half.

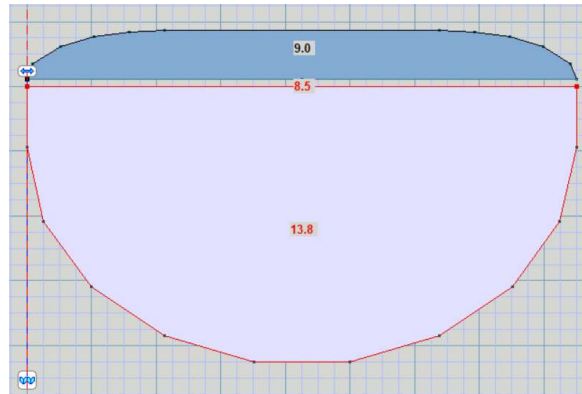
To arrive at yoke length, measure from wrist to wrist, bending arms at elbows, across shoulders and down to other wrist. If using ribbing, subtract width of ribbing x 2.

Alternatively stretch your arms straight out from your shoulders to the side (like a T) and measure from wrist to wrist. Then add ribbing.



Preparation of Template for Cut and Sew Neckline:

Make a template for the front neck opening. It should be about 8.5" wide at the top and curve down until it is 4.25" deep in the center front. The back neck opening should be about 8.5" wide by 1" deep. Make a tick mark at the center on the straight edge of each template. The sample templates are 8.5" wide and measure 13.8" + 9" for an opening of 22.8". My head is 21", so this works for me. Measure the circumference of your head. If your head is bigger, make the templates a little wider or deeper to accommodate your measurements.



Remember the opening will be smaller once you have added ribbing or the trim of your choice.

Knitting the yoke:

1. With scrap yarn, cast on the number of stitches you determined for the wrist (see 6K above), ending with carriage on left. Knit one row of ravel cord.
2. Knit the sleeve increasing evenly over the length of the sleeve. (Use the magic formula to get even spacing: https://annbuddknits.com/Magic_Increase_Decrease_Formula.pdf; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k77AMgEZSGQ&feature=youtu.be>) **Hang a marker.**
3. Knit to where you want the neck opening to begin. See 6F above. **Hang a marker.**
4. Continue knitting to center of sweater. See 6D above. **Hang a marker.**
5. Knit to where the neck opening ends. See 6G above. **Hang a marker.**
6. Knit to the beginning of second sleeve. See 6J above. **Hang a marker.** (You will have 5 markers.) The distance between the two end markers should equal the width of the bottom body.
7. Knit the other sleeve, decreasing evenly down to the wrist over the length of the sleeve ending with scrap.

Knitting the body of the sweater:

1. Begin with ribbing if desired or if adding a hem later, begin with scrap & ravel.
2. Knit to desired length. See 6C above.
3. Remove on scrap or garter bar.

4. Pull out the number of needles used to knit the body. With right side facing, hang yoke between sleeve markers. With wrong side facing, hang stitches from body in the hooks and pull through. Bind off loosely.
5. Block/steam yoke lightly. (Hover over knit and steam and pat– do not press.)
6. Place the front and back neck templates on yoke, lining them up with the center and neck markers. The flat edges of the template should be in the center of the yoke/center line of shoulder.
7. Lightly draw a line around the template with a pencil or marker. With sewing machine straight stitch along the line being careful not to stretch it. Sew another straight stitch line just inside the neck about 1/4 inch away from first stitching line. Sew a loose zigzag stitch between the two stitching lines. Trim close to inner stitching line.

Cuff:

Pick up the cuff stitches and finish with ribbing or as desired.

Neck ribbing:

Make an encased neck edge to cover the stitching lines. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kJ1QO_zSRs. Since the neck edge is circle and there is no open shoulder seam, I marked the neck edge fourths and marked the stitches in fourths so I could evenly match the neck opening with the number of stitches. I hung ¼ of the neck, then hung ¼ of the stitches and bound off most of the stitches, then hung another fourth, etc. until I got around the circle.

Sew up side seams.