A Slip-on Sweater for the Boy Scout of 12 to 14 Years

Elsa Barsaloux, in The Priscilla War Work Book (Boston, 1917), p.26

MATERIAL (1917): 6 hanks knitting worsted, 1 pair bone needles No. 3 and 2 pair steel needles No. 10.

Gauge: 96 stitches = 16 in. (41 cm) in ridges (garter stitch) on the bone needles. k = knit, st = stitch, d = double (crochet), as printed.

DIRECTIONS (verbatim; size 12-14 years; other sizes: numbers from the table)

Back. - Cast on bone needles 96 sts (these sts will measure 16 inches.) Knit in ridges for 17 inches, then decrease 1 st on each end of needle every other row until 5 sts have been decreased on each end and there are 86 sts on needle (about 14 inches). Knit in ridges until back measures 22 inches from start.

Shoulders. - On 25 sts for over shoulder knit back and forth for 3 ridges, then increase 1 st towards front every other row until 5 sts have been added, having 32 sts on needle.* Leave these sts on needle for later use. With an extra ball of wool, bind off 36 sts for back of neck, and on other 25 sts k 3 ridges, then increase 1 st towards front every other row until 5 sts have been added, and there are 32 sts on needle.*

Front. - Cast on 32 sts towards front, then slip the other 32 sts from other front to these sts, having 96 sts on needle, k in ridges until front is same length as back, bind off. Sew up side seams for 16 inches.

Sleeves. - Cast on 78 sts (about 13 inches), k in ridges for 2 inches, then decrease 1 st on each end of needle every 8th row until there are 50 sts on needle. Knit in ridges until sleeve is 17 inches or required length, less 4 in.

Cuff. - Change to steel needles, k in rounds in ribbing of k 1, p 1, for 4 inches, bind off. Sew up sleeve, and sew sleeve in place on sweater.

Collar. - Cast on 30 sts (about 5 inches), k in ridges for 18 inches, bind off. Sew collar to neck of sweater on back, and down on fronts as illustrated.

Pocket. - Cast on 24 sts, k 22 ridges, make buttonhole in centre of 3d last ridge by binding off 4 stitches, and in centre of next row casting on 4 stitches. Bind off. Sew pocket in place on sweater.

Button. - Chain 3, turn, skip 1 stitch, 8 d in next. 2d round - 2 d in each st. 3d round - * 1 d in st, 2 d in next. Repeat from * until cover is size to fit mold. Make 1 round, slip in mold, then skip every other stitch until closed.

If desired this sweater may have a 4-inch band of ribbing (k 1, p 1) across the bottom, to match the cuffs. The back is then knit in ridges for 13 inches, after which directions may be followed to finish.

* *Ours: 25 + 5 is 30, not 32. Increase until there are 32 (7 added): then 32 + 32 + 32 = 96, the same as the back.*

TODAY'S SIZES (ours: widths scaled by chest, lengths by height; the 1917 size is 12-14 years)

Age (years)	**8**	**10**	**12-14 (1917)**	**16**
Height / chest (body)	**128 / 64 cm**	**140 / 70 cm**	**158 / 78 cm**	**170 / 86 cm**
Back: cast on	78 st	86 st	96 st	106 st
Back after decreasing	68 st	76 st	86 st	96 st
Each shoulder / back neck	19 / 30 st	22 / 32 st	25 / 36 st	28 / 40 st
Shoulder after increasing	26 st	29 st	32 st	35 st
Front: cast on at centre	26 st	28 st	32 st	36 st
Ridges before decreasing	36 cm	38 cm	43 cm	47 cm
Back length	46 cm	50 cm	56 cm	60 cm
Side seams	33 cm	36 cm	41 cm	43 cm
Sleeve: cast on / to	64 / 42 st	70 / 44 st	78 / 50 st	86 / 56 st
Sleeve length with cuff	36 cm	38 cm	43 cm	47 cm
Collar	24 st x 37 cm	26 st x 41 cm	30 st x 46 cm	34 st x 50 cm
Pocket	20 st x 18 ridges	22 st x 19 ridges	24 st x 22 ridges	26 st x 24 ridges

Decreases and increases keep the book's counts (5 off each side of the back, 7 on at each shoulder, sleeve every 8th row).

Ours, not the book's: the sizes other than 12-14 years, the metric conversions, the 7 increases (see *).