

**Told-To-Me Sweater/Coat Pattern**  
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This pattern was told to me by a woman I met at a business conference I attended in the 90's whose name, unfortunately, I don't remember.

Because the sweater is crocheted vertically instead of horizontally, it can be any length you desire from sweater-length all the way to coat-length, or floor length for that matter. The length depends on how long you make your foundation chain. You will have to adjust yarn and button quantities according to the length you decide to make.

This is an **advanced beginner to intermediate- level** pattern. The instructions aren't as detailed as those found in commercial patterns, at least for the right and left sides. You will essentially be incorporating the pattern stitch into the right and left sides of the sweater and creating a back and sleeves in single crochet. I have made some adjustments to the original pattern based on my experience crocheting this sweater.

I have tried to provide as much information as I think you will need to make the sweater. **Read the instructions carefully before you begin.** If you have questions, email me at [info@www.yarnoverpullthrough.com](mailto:info@www.yarnoverpullthrough.com).

**MATERIALS** (for a sweater-length garment):

- Approx. 48 oz. of worsted weight yarn. I used Red Heart worsted weight yarn for my sweaters.
- "J" (size 10) hook
- 9 or so shank buttons (size determined by the size of your buttonholes)
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.
- Stitch markers
- Pins for sewing side seams
- Tape measurer

**GAUGE:** The person who told me how to make this sweater did not provide gauge information. You can, however, determine the gauge. To do this, make a swatch of the pattern stitch and a single crochet swatch to determine rows and stitches per inch. Then determine the number of rows and stitches you will need for the width and length, respectively, of your sweater.

To ensure a proper fit, I try the sweater on at a critical point in its construction. I have noted where this is in the pattern instructions.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** Relevant crochet terms are abbreviated (**in bold**) the first time they are used. The abbreviation is used thereafter.

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**PATTERN STITCH:** Before beginning your sweater, make a swatch of the pattern stitch to familiarize yourself with it.

**Foundation chain (ch):** A multiple of 20 plus 3

**Row 1:** Single crochet (sc) into the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from the hook; 1 sc in each st across the row. You should have a multiple of 20 plus 2 sc sts on the row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st; 1 sc in next 10 sts (11 sc). **\*\***(Skip the next st; double crochet (dc) in the next st; dc in the skipped st (1 cross stitch (erst) made. Work 4 more crsts; 1 sc in next 10 sts.)**\*\*** Repeat from **\*\*** across the row, ending in 5 crsts and 1 sc. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sc in the first st. **\*\***(Work 5 crsts over the next 10 sts; 1 sc over the next 10 sts.) Repeat from **\*\*** across the row. End the row with 11 sc. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 4:** 1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st and each stitch across row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 5:** Repeat row 4.

**Row 6:** Repeat row 3.

**Row 7:** Repeat row 2.

**Rows 8 & 9:** Repeat row 4.

Repeat rows 2-9 for pattern.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Right and Left Sides:**

If you are not working with a gauge, your foundation chain will extend from the bottom front of each side to the bottom back (see Figure 1), based on the length of the sweater or coat you want to make. Use the tape measurer to determine the length of the foundation chain. Then create a foundation chain in the number of stitches required by the pattern stitch.

Working in the pattern stitch, create a foundation chain in multiples of 20 plus 3. Crochet the right and left sides the same length (in stitches) and width (in rows). End each side in 1 row of single crochet after two cross stitch rows. Do not fasten off.

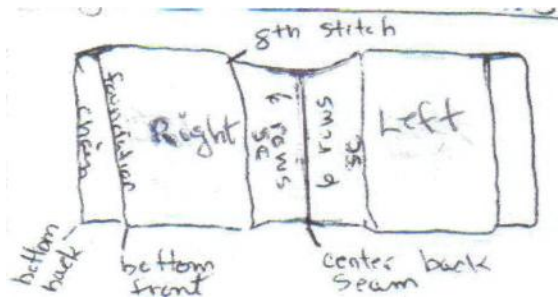


Figure 1

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**Center Back:**

**Note:** Attach the yarn to the foundation row on both the right and left sides to make the center back. This lets you adjust the size of the sweater by adding or subtracting rows on the other end of each side. So Figure 1 isn't exactly correct because the notation, "foundation chain," should be on the other side of the right side.

**Row 1:** With wrong side of the foundation row facing you, fold the right side in half. The fold is the middle of the shoulder. Place a stitch marker here. From the stitch marker, count 7 stitches. Attach yarn in the 8<sup>th</sup> st, at the back of the sweater. See Figure 1. Work in sc from the 8<sup>th</sup> st to the bottom of the row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** 1 sc in first st and across the row. Ch 1, turn.

**Rows 3-6:** Repeat row 2. Fasten off.

**Repeat rows 1-6** for the **left side**. You will begin at the bottom of the row and work to the 8<sup>th</sup> stitch where you placed the stitch marker.

Right sides facing, **sew** the right and left center backs together to create the center back seam (see Figure 1). Place pins where needed to hold the sides together as you sew.

**Now is the time to try on the sweater to see if you need to add or subtract rows to make it fit. Take into account the fact that you will be adding a border of 6 rows of sc around the entire edge of the sweater, so the front edges shouldn't meet at this stage. If you did a gauge, you'll know how many inches 12 rows of sc is and factor that into the fit. Make adjustments as needed by adding or subtracting rows on the right and left sides.**

**Sleeve:** (Make 2)

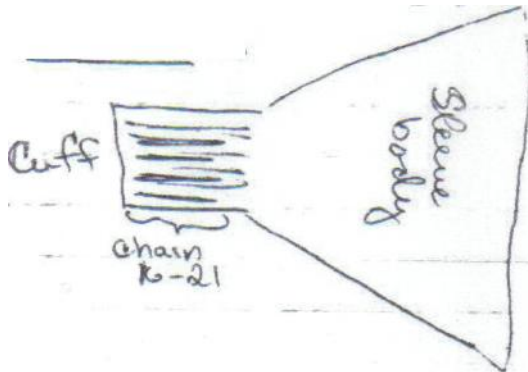


Figure 2

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Cuff: (Refer to Figure 2)

**Foundation Row:** Ch 16 (small sweater); ch 21 (large sweater)

**Row 1:** 1 sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and across the row (15 (20) sts). Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** 1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st in the FRONT loop ONLY and in each st across row. This creates a ribbed effect. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 3 - 26:** Repeat row 2. Do NOT fasten off. Ch 1, turn the cuff so that the side of the cuff is at the top.

Sleeve Body:

**Row 1:** Sc evenly across the top of the 36 rows of the cuff for 36 sts. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** **\*\***(1 sc in first st. 1 sc in next 4 sts. 2 sc in next st (1 increase made)). Repeat from **\*\*** across the row. (42 sts). Ch 1. turn.

**Row 3:** 2 sc in first st. Sc across the row. 2 sc in last st. Ch 1, turn (44 sts).

**Row 4:** 1 sc in first st. 1 sc in next st and across the row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 5:** Repeat row 4.

**Rows 6 - 42 :** Increase 1 st at **each** end of sleeve body every 3<sup>rd</sup> row until there are 70 sts on Row 42. Fasten off, leaving long tail to attach sleeve to body of sweater.

**Sew Side and Sleeve Seams:**

- Fold the sleeve lengthwise and place a stitch marker at the top of the sleeve at the fold.
- Right sides facing, sew the sleeves to the shoulder, centering the middle of the sleeve top with the shoulder fold, matching stitch markers. Place pins where needed to keep the two pieces together.
- Right sides facing, sew sleeve sides together beginning at the cuff; then sew front and back sides together. Place pins where needed to keep the two pieces together.

**Border:**

**Note:** For ALL rows of border, skip 1 st at each neck corner in the front of the sweater, where center back is attached to the sides (See Figure 1).

**Row 1:** Attach yarn to the center back seam at the bottom edge of right side of the sweater. Sc evenly around the entire edge of the sweater. To turn a corner from the bottom edge to the side, make 3 sc in the corner. Decrease 1 st at front neck corners (see note above). At the end of the row, sl st to 1 sc at beginning of row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** 1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st and each sc around, adding 3 sc in each bottom corner and decreasing 1 st at front neck corners. Sl st to sc at beginning of row. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Repeat row 2.

**Row 4:** Work in buttonholes, evenly spaced across the **right side**. (Place the first buttonhole at about the breast bone and the last button hole about 1/4 inch or so from the bottom of the border.) **To make a button hole**, **\*\***(ch 2, skip 2 sts, 1 sc in next st and in the appropriate number of sts between buttonholes). Repeat from **\*\*** until you have the required number of buttonholes. Make sure you have the same number of stitches between buttonholes for even spacing.

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**Row 5:** 1 sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st and in each st around; 1 sc in each ch of buttonhole. Increase at bottom corners and decrease at next corners as in previous rows. End row with si st in 1<sup>st</sup> sc. Ch 1, turn. Row 6: Repeat row 2. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

**Sew** buttons on **left side**, matching buttonholes on right.