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# Sloper

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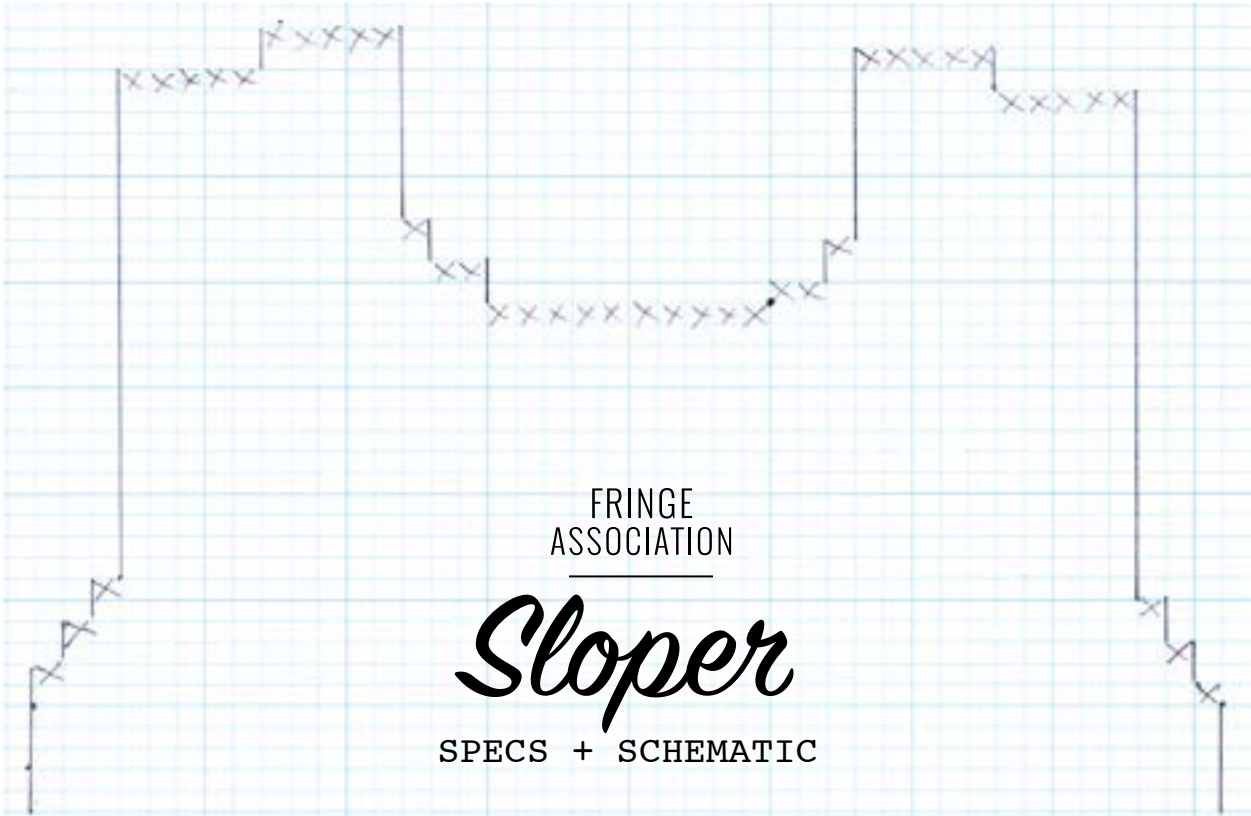
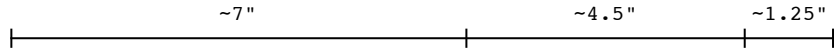
**SLOPER** is a basic template for a sleeveless sweater that, being knitted at a large gauge, involves very few stitches and allows you to get creative. It's presented here as a full-garment chart rather than a written description of a process, so all you need to do is work each row as indicated, or adapt it however you like! Add stripes, colorwork or a stitch pattern; play with the armhole and neck shaping; think about a split hem or exposed seams. Whatever you dream up.

For more information plus tips and suggestions for resizing and otherwise modifying this pattern, please visit:

[www.fringeassociation.com/sloper](http://www.fringeassociation.com/sloper)

**NOTE:**

- Anywhere the straight edge of the fabric will remain visible – the armhole edge and any portion of the side seam you might opt to leave exposed – use a [slip-stitch selvage](#) for the edge stitch
- When binding off for the armhole, neck and shoulder shaping, use the [sloped bind-off](#)
- Unless you specifically want the back to be longer than the front or something, make sure you work the same number of rows from cast-on to underarm for both the front and back pieces



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SPECS + SCHEMATIC

**GAUGE**

2.25 sts and 3.75 rows per inch (9 sts and 15 rows over 4 inches)  
 As charted, this leads to a garment approx 37-38" in circumference after seaming and blocking. (Pictured with about 3" positive ease; "model" has a bust measurement of 34.5")

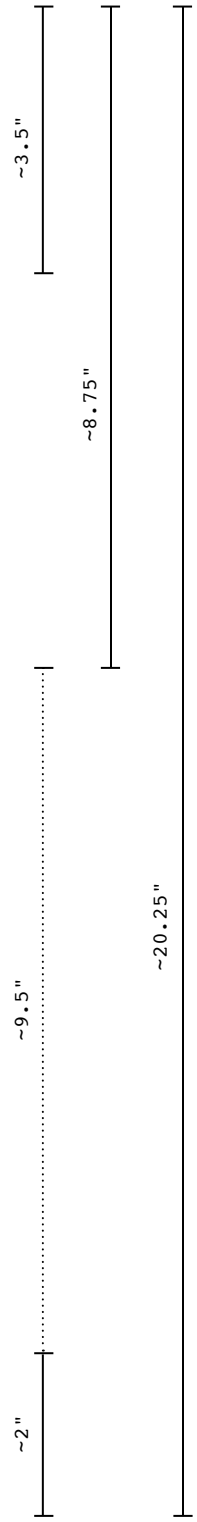
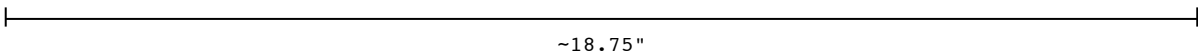
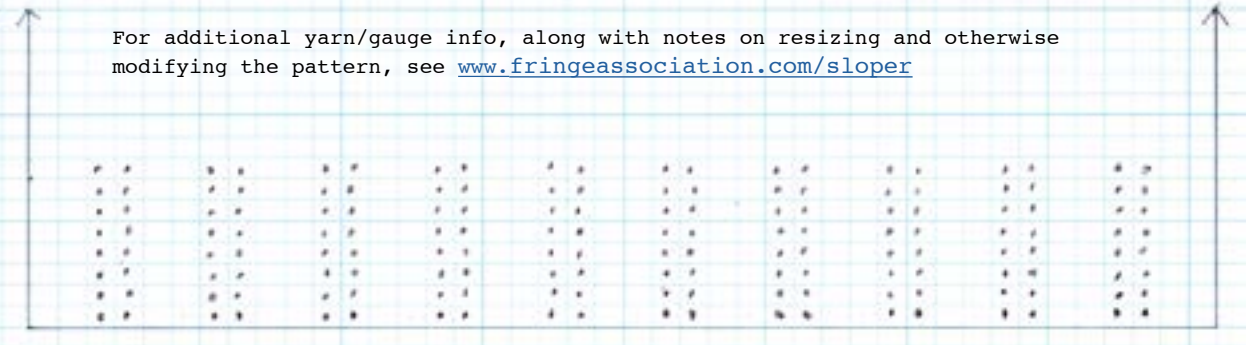
**MATERIALS**

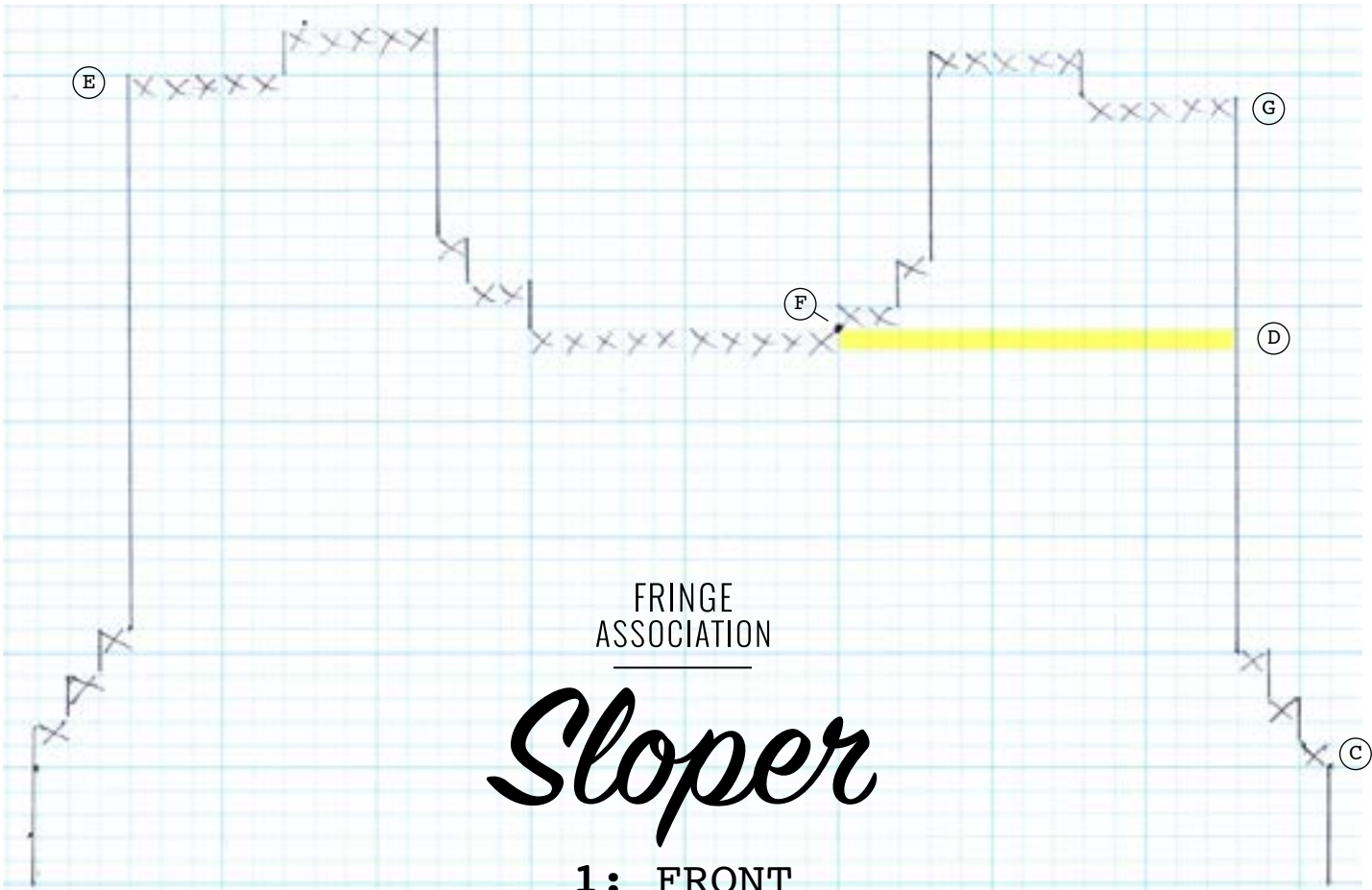
- Yarn and needles to obtain gauge: Sample is knitted in Quince and Co. Lark held triple (9 skeins) on US15/10mm
- Tapestry needle and yarn for seaming

**NEEDLES**

- Needle 1: cast-on/ribbing, 2 sizes smaller than Needle 2
- Needle 2: main fabric, size needed to obtain gauge (suggested size US15/10mm)
- Needle 3: outer turtleneck fold only, 1 size smaller than Needle 2

For additional yarn/gauge info, along with notes on resizing and otherwise modifying the pattern, see [www.fringeassociation.com/sloper](http://www.fringeassociation.com/sloper)





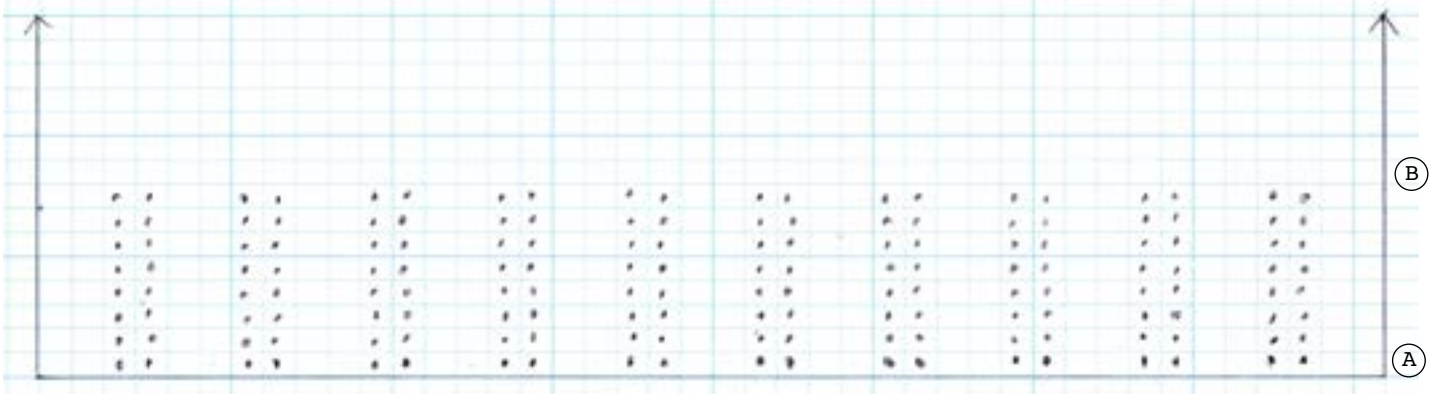
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## 1: FRONT

- KNIT
- PURL
- BIND OFF
- KNIT THEN ON HOLD

- A) Needle 1: CO 42; begin k2/p2 ribbing
- B) RS: Switch to Needle 2; work stockinette to 11.5" (or desired length to underarm)
- C) RS: Begin armhole shaping (see Note, page 1)
- D) RS: Begin neck shaping; continue with upper right front (as worn)
- E) WS: Shape right shoulder
- F) WS: Reattach yarn, work upper left front starting with a Wrong Side row
- G) RS: Shape left shoulder





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## 2: BACK

- A) Work cast-on to underarm same as front
- B) Shape armholes same as front
- C) Work even for 20 rows (or equiv of C to G from front, minus 2, if you've made changes)
- D) RS: Begin shoulder shaping
- E) Bind off back neck sts

### FINISHING

- 1) Block pieces to dimensions; seam sides and shoulders
- 2) Using Needle 1 and starting at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 16 sts across back neck, 5 sts along left neck edge, 4 sts along slope, 10 sts across front neck, 4 sts along slope and 5 sts along right neck edge (44 sts). For crewneck: work k2/p2 ribbing for 1-2". For turtleneck: work k2/p2 for 3"; switch to Needle 3 and continue another 3". Bind off loosely or via a stretchy method
- 3) Block finished garment to desired measurements if you like