

BEFORE YOU CAST ON: GARMENTS

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR GARMENT PATTERN



Choose Your Size

- Measure your high bust and full bust
- Choose your size using your upper bust measurement
- Review the schematic
- Decide how much ease feels right



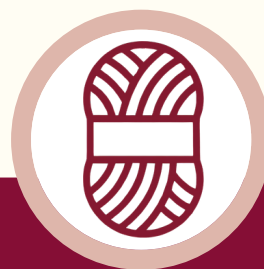
Read It Through First

- Notice how it's constructed – top down, bottom up, or seamed?
- Find where shaping happens
- Look for short rows or bust darts
- Mark anything new



Swatch Like It Matters

- Take the time to swatch
- Block it the way you'll block the garment
- Measure stitch and row gauge
- Adjust needle size if needed



Yarn Selection

- Confirm you have enough yarn
- Pay attention to fiber content
- Think about drape and structure
- Plan substitutions before you begin



Gather Your Tools

- Check needle sizes
- Have stitch markers ready
- Keep a measuring tape nearby
- Set up anything you'll need before you begin



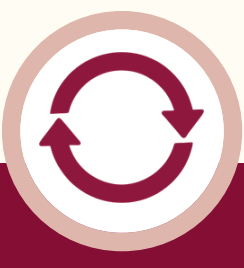
Mark Your Size

- Highlight your size throughout the pattern
- Note shaping instructions that apply to you
- Mark important stitch counts
- Add markers where needed



Look Ahead to Finishing

- Check if the garment is seamed or seamless
- Notice button bands or neckline finishing
- Look at how sleeves are completed
- Read the finishing steps early



Make It Repeat Worthy

- Write down needle changes
- Record any adjustments you make
- Track row counts if needed
- Keep notes for the next version

A GARMENT THAT FITS WELL IS WORTH KNITTING AGAIN