

## marklee pattern notes

## adjusting neckline width

The width of the neckline is governed by the number of stitches that are bound off for the back neck, and the number of decreases made when shaping the sides of the back neck.

A narrower neck opening can be achieved in two ways:

- By binding off fewer stitches at the back neck, (beginning bind-off one or two stitches after the first marker and ending an equal distance from the second marker), or
- By making fewer back neck decreases.

For a wider neck opening:

- Increase the back neck bind-off by two stitches (beginning bind-off one stitch before marker and finishing one stitch after the final back neck marker), or
- Add an extra back neck decrease or two

## adjusting neckline depth

To add depth to the neckline, simply work a few rows even after completing the 'Shape left (right) shoulder' instructions, before continuing on to 'Shape left (right) front neckline'.

To make the neckline shallower, eliminate some or all of the six rows from the 'Shape left (right) front neckline' section. You will need to compensate for the side neckline increases you will be skipping, working those increases at the same time as you work final rows of the 'Shape left (right) shoulder' instructions.

## adjusting the body circumference

To make the body smaller, work additional front decreases. If you are adding a lot of decreases, consider working them every 4 rounds, rather than every six.

To add width to the body, work fewer front decreases, or bind off one stitch less when joining front and back.