

# THE MAME SWEATER

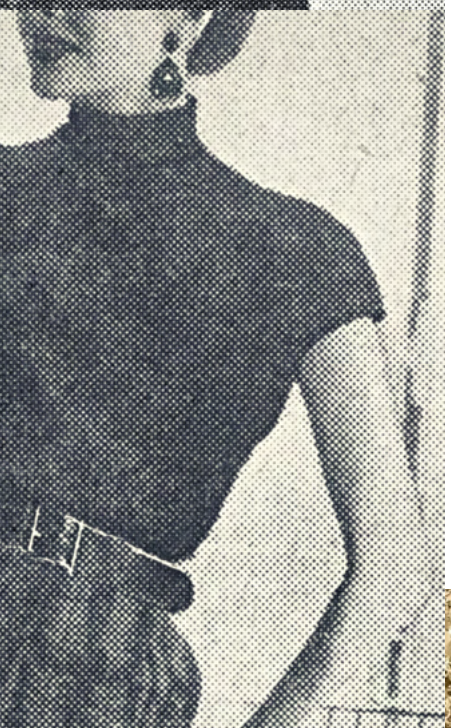
Circa 1954, Mame consists of only two pieces and features brief sleeves and a classic fitted turtle neck, perfect for wearing with your capris or pencil skirts. Rewritten and revitalized, Mame includes updated yarn requirements, modern instructions and a larger size range for knitters who love authentic vintage styling.

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## SIZES

36, 40, (44, 48), {52, 56}

**Original Fit**: This original fit of this design was intended to provide zero to two inches of positive ease (5cm)

**Vixen Fit**: Use up to two inches of negative ease for a bad-girl look.

Model wears size 40 with negative 1 inch of ease.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- **CHEST**: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56 inches (90, 100,110, 120, 130, 140 cm)
- **CHEST TO WAIST**: 13, 13.5, 14, 14.5, 15, 15 inches (32.5, 33.75, 35, 36.25, 37.5, 37.5 cm)
- **ARMHOLE OPENING:** 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 8.75 inches (18.75, 19.4, 20, 20.6, 21.25, 21.9 cm)

## YARN

- **5, 5, (6, 6), {7, 7} skeins** of Knitpicks Gloss Fingering in Black or 1050, 1100, (1200, 1300), {1450, 1500} yards of **fingering weight yarn** (950, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1350m)
- Sewing needle and thread for armhole hem

## NEEDLES

- **Metric 2.75mm and 3.25mm** or needle size to achieve the tension below
- **Four 2.75mm** double pointed needles

## TENSION

- **30 sts and 40 rows** to 4 inches (10cm) on 3.25mm needles

## ABBREVIATIONS

- k -Knit
- p - Purl
- k2tog - knit two together
- ssk - slip, slip, knit together
- p2tog - purl two together (decrease)
- plain - straight stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
- m1l - make one left leaning increase
- mir - make one right leaning increase

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## BACK

Cast on 112, 128, (142, 158), {172, 188} stitches using 2.75mm needles.
Work k1, p1 ribbing for 3.5 inches.

**Increase row (Right Side):** In the next right side row, k1, m1r, k to the last three stitches, m1l, k1.
**Next 5 rows**: work plain (purl one row, knit one row)
Repeat the above pattern a further 10 more times until you have 134, 150, (164, 180), {194, 210} stiches on your needles. You'll have worked a total of 11 increase rows.

Work plain without more increases until your work measures 13, 13.5, 14, 14.5, 15, 15 in (32.5, 33.75, 35, 36.25, 37.5, 37.5cm ) from cast on edge or until you have desired body length, ending on a RS row.

**Underarm cast on row:**
Using Cable Cast method, cast on 12, 12, (16, 16), {20, 20} stitches at the beginning of the next two rows **.

You should now have 158, 174, (196, 212), {234, 250} stitches on your needles.

Work in plain until your sleeve opening measures 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 8.75 (18.75, 19.5, 20, 20.5, 21.25, 22 cm) inches from the first cast on row, ending on a purl row.

**Begin shoulder cast off**
**Begin on RS row**: Cast off 8, 8, (10, 11), {12, 13} sts at the start of the next 14 rows

Now cast off 3, 9, (6, 6), {9, 9} sts at the start of the next two rows.

Place remaining 40, 44, (44, 46), {48, 50} sts onto a spare needle or spare yarn. These stitches will be used again later for the neck ribbing.

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Work the same as for Back until Underarm Cast Ons have been completed, ending at this marker **.

Work in plain until your sleeve opening measures 5.75, 6, 6.25, 6.5, 6.75, 7 inches (14.5, 15, 15.5, 16.25, 17, 17.5 cm) from the first cast on row.

### Work front neck shaping

Knit across 71, 77, (88, 95), {105, 112} stitches.
Cast off the next 16, 20, (20, 22), {24, 26} stitches
Knit across the remaining 71, 77, (88, 95), {105, 112} stitches.

At this point you can place the initial lot of worked stitches on a stitch holder if it will be easier for you as we won't be working them right now. You can also just leave them on the needle to be worked later.

**First row (WS) :** Purl back to 3 stitches before the cast off section, p2tog, p1.
**Second row (RS)** : Knit 1, ssk, knit to end.
Repeat the above decrease pattern twice more (6 stitches decreased in total).

### Now work alternate decreases:

**First row (WS):** Purl
**Second row (RS):** Knit 1, ssk, knit to end.
Repeat the alternate decrease row pattern 5 more times (6 stitches decreased and a total of 12 rows worked).

You should have 59, 65, (76, 83), {93, 100} stitches left on your needle.

### Complete shoulder cast offs:

**WS row** : Cast off 8, 8, (10, 11), {12, 13} sts at the start of row
**RS row**: Knit
Repeat the above 6 more times (7 cast off rows in total for a total of 14 rows)

Cast off remaining 3, 9, (6, 6), {9, 9} sts and break yarn.

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## FRONT CONTINUED...

**Work other side**
Rejoin yarn at neck edge.

**First row (WS) :** P1, p2tog, purl to end
**Second row (RS)** : knit to three stitches before end, k2tog, k1.
Repeat the above decrease pattern twice more (6 stitches decreased in total).

**Now work alternate decreases:**
**First row (WS):** Purl
**Second row (RS):** knit to three stitches before end, k2tog, k1.
Repeat the alternate decrease pattern 5 more times (6 stitches decreased and a total of 12 rows worked).

You should have 59, 65, (76, 83), {93, 100} stitches left on your needle.



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## FRONT CONTINUED...

**Complete shoulder cast offs:**
**WS row:** purl
**RS row:** Cast off 8, 8, (10, 11), {12, 13} sts at the start of row
Repeat the above 6 more times (7 cast off rows in total)

Cast off remaining 3, 9, (6, 6), {9, 9} sts and break yarn.

## NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams, and block the seams flat.
Place the back stitches held over onto a 2.75mm DPN. With the right side of the sweater facing join yarn and work across those back 40, 44, (44, 46), {48, 50} sts in k1, p1 ribbing.

Pick up 22 stitches down side of front neck, then 16, 20, (20, 22), {24, 26} across the front neck, and another 22 stitches across the other side.
You should have a total of 100, 108, (108, 112), {116, 120} stitches.

Join round and work in k1, p1 ribbing for 4 inches (10 cm).
**Cast off** using a stretchy bind off. I highly recommend Jeny's Interlock Bind off method for ribbing, published at https://knitty.com/ISSUEss11/FEATinterlock.php.



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## FINISHING

Join side seams.
Turn under a 1/2 inch (1.25cm) hem on the armholes, gently press with a warm iron and stitch lightly in place with a sewing needle and matching thread.
Fold over the turtle neck and enjoy!



## OTHER TIPS

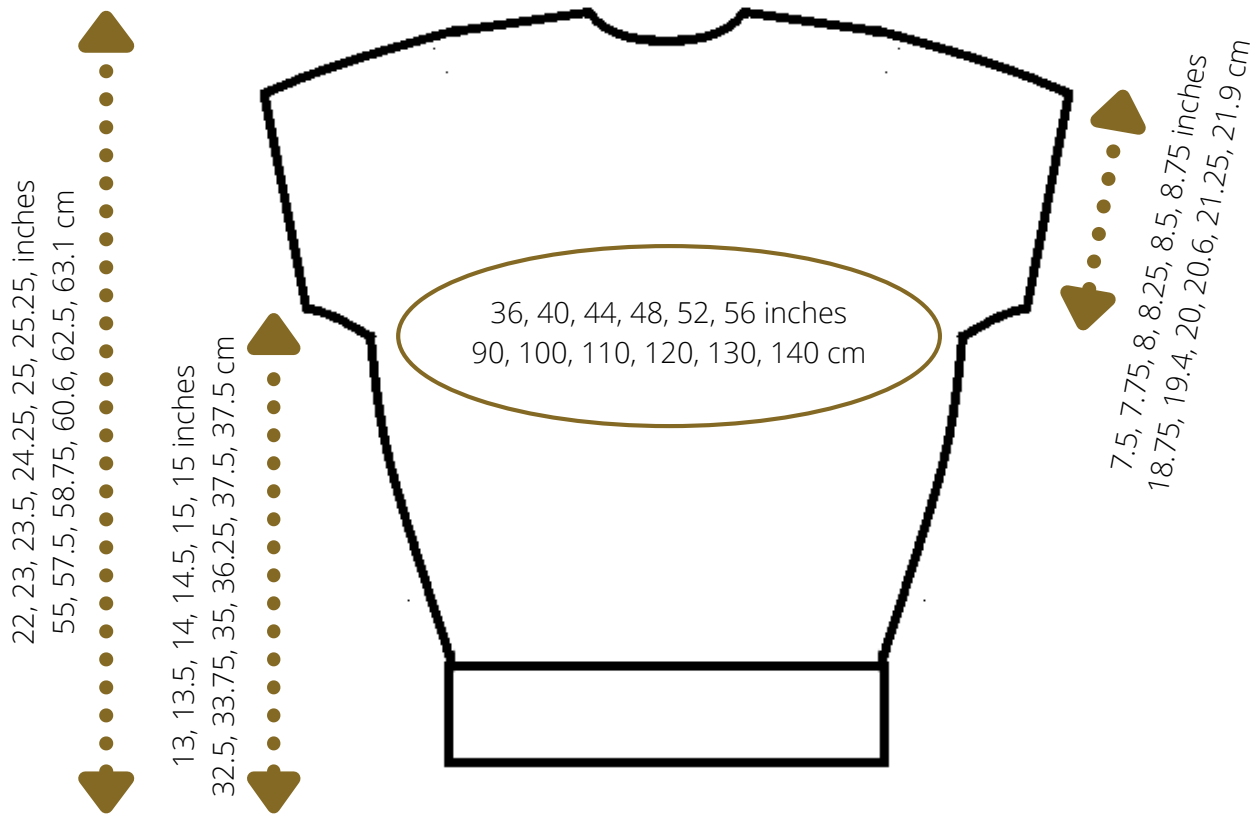
**Blocking**
To gently block seams, use a warm iron and a slightly damp cotton cloth. Place the cloth over the seam, and use the iron to gently press the seams flat.

**Cast off**
When casting off in rib, it's very important to use a very stretchy bind off to make sure the turtleneck can stretch around your head. Most of the stretchiest bind-offs are also of the sewn variety (which are done a bit like kitchener stitch, often used on socks). They also minimise flare, which is the cast off edge flaring out further than the width of the knitting.

If you don't want to use Jeny's Interlock bind off, another good option is Elizabeth Zimmerman's Sewn Bind-Off.

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## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS





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