

Bonnie's Band

Marking and preparing the neckline

1. Knit garment front & back, marking neck decreases with yarn tacks. Remove shoulders on scrap yarn. Bind off shoulder stitches, then neckline. Seam one shoulder.
2. With a marker or chalk, mark a line just inside (toward the neck), following the “dots”. This is above the dots or toward the neck edge. Be careful not to stretch neck opening..
3. If you have a serger, stitch along the marked line and trim away the neckline.
4. If you don't have a serger, carefully sew a straight stitch with your sewing machine along the marked line. With a zig zag stitch, sew a second line of stitching close to and above the straight stitch. Trim above the zig-zag stitches.
5. Remove the markers



Knitting and applying the Neckband

1. Determine the number of stitches used for the band by holding the edge to the needle bed stretched, then relax slightly.
2. CO the desired # of stitches with WY, knit a few rows ending with COR.
3. **With garment yarn**, K $\frac{1}{2}$ of the desired band rows. This is the front of the band.
 - a. If you are using a yarn without a lot of stretch, (cotton, linen, silk or a dress yarn), you may want to use MT-1.
 - b. DESIGN NOTE: As this is the front of the band, it is the place to use a design of some sort if you want to—fairisle, stripes, contrast color, etc.
4. Remove with garter bar or waste yarn.

5. With RS facing, hang garment edge. Push behind latches and toward the machine.
6. Rehang band stitches in the **needle hooks**.
7. Close all latches and pull the garment OVER the needles and the band stitches on them. Only the neckband stitches remain on the needles.
8. Knit the second half of the band.
9. Rehang the original band stitches (next to the waste yarn) onto the needles and BO with your latch tool over 1 gate peg.

DESIGN NOTE: Try a contrasting color yarn for your bind off.