



Red Sweaters Art Installation

Concept: Suspend 1500+ hand-knit mini red sweaters from a tree.

Participants: Anyone who can knit or crochet!

Purpose: This project is an art installation that was inspired by the war in Iraq. Its purpose is to spread public awareness, encourage thought, and inspire discussions about war and current events without promoting a specific view.

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.redsweaters.org>



Seamless Hand-Knit Red Sweater Pattern

Supplies:

Yarn:

Red Heart Yarn in any shade of red
100% Acrylic (I suggest Medium
Worsted weight (super saver) but you
can use any weight)

Approx. 1oz per sweater

**Please only use yarn with "red" in
the name, like "cherry red", "flame
red", etc.

Needles:

1 set of #6 DPNs (4 double pointed
needles) or size needed to obtain
correct sweater size

Notions:

Scissors

Yarn Darning needle

Optional: Stitch marker

Gauge:

No gauge. Sweater should be
approximately 3.5" long, 3" wide at
chest, with 3" long sleeves.

Techniques:

- 1) Knit in the round
- 2) 3 needle bind off
- 3) Pick up stitches

The pattern is written for stockinette
stitch, but the sweaters can easily be
knit in garter stitch, seed stitch, ribs or
cables. Use your imagination!

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

Pattern:

Front and Back Body

Cast on 26 stitches. Divide the stitches
evenly on 3 DPNs (9 sts on one
needle, 9 on another, 8 sts on the
third). Use a stitch marker to help
keep track of the beginning of the row.

Knit 15 rows in the round.

Begin Armhole Shape

Divide stitches evenly onto two
needles – 13 sts each needle.

The rest of the body will **not** be knit in
the round. One needle will be your
front body. The other needle will be
your back body. It does not matter
which is which – you decide.

Finish Front Body

Row 16: Working with only 2 needles
(the one with 13 sts and one empty
needle), purl.

Row 17: knit

Row 18: purl

Row 19: knit

Shape Right Shoulder and Neck:

Row 20: purl 4sts, cast off next 5sts,
purl 4sts

Row 21 *right*: knit 4 sts

Row 22 *right*: purl 4 sts. (Don't fasten
off the yarn. You'll use it to make the
right sleeve.)

Shape Left Shoulder

Working from other side of needle,
attach new yarn.

Row 21 *left*: purl 4 sts

Row 22 *left*: knit 4 sts.

Back Body

Working with 13sts on other needle,
work 7 rows.

Join Shoulders

Turn the garment inside out – right
sides together.

Row 23: Bind off the first 4 stitches of
the front and back bodies together
using a 3 needle bind off. Bind off the
next 5 back body stitches like normal.
Bind off the last 4 stitches of the front
and back bodies together using a 3
needle bind off.

Right Sleeve

At the wearer's right armhole, use the
yarn still attached at the right shoulder
to *pick up a total of 12 stitches for
the sleeve – 6 stitches from the front
body (needle 1) and 6 stitches from
the back body (needle 2). (Note: the
armhole is made up of 7 rows on the
front and 7 rows on the back – but
only pick up 6 stitches. You decide
which row to skip when picking up
stitches.)

Divide 12 sts evenly on 3 needles (4sts
per needle)

Knit in the round for 3", approx. 18
rows.

Bind off. Leave a tail 12" long.

Left Sleeve

Using new yarn, follow directions for
Right Sleeve beginning at *.

Finishing

Darn in yarn ends except for 12" tails
at sleeve ends.

Send your finished Red Sweater to: Red Sweaters c/o Nina Rosenberg, 3235 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94110