

Sew a Versatile Knit Wrap Perfect for Any Season

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Create a soft and cuddly knit wrap that makes the perfect topper for both casual and dressy outfits. In about 120 minutes, you have a versatile piece to wear with jeans, dress pants, skirts, or dresses. Wear the wrap in several different ways:

Buttoned in front like a jacket

Buttoned down the back like a stole

Buttoned on the shoulder and open down the side

Wrapped around your neck like a scarf

Style it however you like—it's a great complement to any ensemble, in every season.



Here are the simple steps to make this easy-to-sew versatile wrap.

Start with $\frac{2}{3}$ yd. of 60" **knit fabric** in your color choice. Select a basic color to match many of your existing wardrobe colors, or pick something bright to provide a pop of color to an otherwise neutral outfit. Cut fabric into a 22" x 60" rectangle. You'll also need two 2" x 20" strips of knit interfacing to provide support to the placket where the buttons and buttonholes will be located.



Press the fusible side of the knit interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric, along opposite ends of one of the long edges. Form the placket by folding 2" of the long, interfaced edge with right sides together. Sew the short ends of the placket with a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam, using a **Ballpoint** or **Stretch Needle**. Trim corners, and turn right side out using the **Point Former and Tube Turner** to get nice sharp corners.



Next, measure and mark 1-1/4" at each corner of the bottom hem, on the wrong side of the fabric. The **5-in-1 Sliding Gauge** works well for marking each corner accurately. Place a strip of **Sewer's Fix-It Tape** between the two marks, extending the tape a bit at each edge. Fold the corner in half, meeting right sides together, aligning the marks. Use the tape extensions to hold the fold together. Stitch along the top tape edge closest to the corner. Remove the tape, and trim the seam to 1/4" from stitching line. Keep your **Point Former and Tube Turner** handy, as you'll need it to turn these bottom corners as well. Repeat the mitering technique for the remaining hem corner. You'll find when you turn this seam right side out; you have a perfect mitered corner. This next photo shows the steps to miter your corners.



To complete the hem, fuse **5/8" Wonder-Under Tape** to the wrong side of the bottom and two side edges of the wrap. Leave the paper backing on the tape after it's fused in place, and use the inside edge of the backing as a guide for pressing the seam allowance. The tape is the same width as the seam allowance, so it gives a crisp foldline. Unfold the seam allowance and remove the paper backing from the tape; refold and fuse into position. Use the **Ezy-Hem Gauge** to measure and press an accurate 2" placket down the length of the wrap.



When you've finished pressing the placket into position, topstitch the hem and placket using coordinating **thread** for your fabric.



Finally, add the buttonholes and buttons to your wrap. Stretch a **Simflex Expanding Gauge** to achieve 3-1/2" spacing, and align it with the bottom lengthwise edge of the placket. Mark the buttonhole placements at the tip of

each gauge marker with a **washable marking pen**.



Set up your sewing machine to make a buttonhole. Place your button into the front portion of your **Buttonhole Foot** and slide the measurement bar against the button. Tighten the screw to hold the correct position, remove the button from the foot, and slide the shank to the back of the foot.



Add a layer of **tear-away stabilizer** underneath the fabric to minimize stretching of the knit fabric as you sew the buttonhole. Make sure to align the buttonhole foot evenly left-to-right in the placket area, and place the positioning mark near the needle. Sew the buttonholes at their marked locations, following the correct stitching sequence for your sewing machine.



When you've finished stitching the buttonholes, remove the tear-away stabilizer from the back side of the buttonhole. Place the buttonhole cutting block behind the first buttonhole area, and insert the **Buttonhole Cutter** in between the two stitching lines and two top and bottom bartacks. Using pressure straight down on the Cutter, cut the buttonhole open. Reposition the Cutter as needed to completely open the buttonhole. Avoid cutting through the stitching lines.



When all buttonholes have been opened, align the two side and bottom edges, wrong sides together. Pin through each buttonhole to the opposite side of the wrap. "Unbutton" the wrap through the buttonholes, leaving pins intact. Use the pins as a guide for perfect button placement.



Enjoy the versatility, style, warmth, and comfort of this wrap. Make it today, and wear it tonight!
Watch a video Demonstration of the easy steps to sew this wrap and [download free pattern instructions](#).



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