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Customizing your pattern to fit

Adjusting your sweater size
This is a fairly straightforward knit to customize to your style and fit preferences.
First off knit your gauge swatch to make sure you have the right needle size to achieve the gauge and fit as written. Then you're just adjusting rows and stitches, all else being approximately equal.

Want the front/back longer or shorter?
To make it longer cast on more than 60 stitches when you get to "Working the Shoulder".
To make it shorter cast on fewer than 60 stitches.
If you're working to the gauge then you'll adjust by +/- 2.4st for every cm of length.
Round your stitch number up or down to get a whole number of stitches.
Keep the moss stitch border the same, you'll just have more stitches between the borders.
Bear this in mind when it comes to finding the midpoint and working the neck.
Again leave the same number of moss stitches on the neck and hem edges.

Want the body width/chest circumference wider or narrower?
Decide how many cm wider/narrower and divide this number by 2 so you can make the same change on both shoulders.
When knitting the "Working the Shoulder" adjust the 37cm measurement by your desired change, making this piece longer or shorter.
When you record the Shoulder Count you'll have the correct number of rows to repeat the same adjustment on the other shoulder.

Adjusting the neck opening
If you like a wider and more open neck, or you prefer it closer fit then you can adjust the neck opening size quite easily.
Just remember that if you do this to the Front and Back you'll have made your chest circumference smaller or bigger.
If you want to keep the chest measurement the same then whatever you do to the neck you must compensate for on each shoulder.

Changing the sleeves
The simplest way to do this is to keep the decreases and increases the same and adjust the stocking stitch section once you've finished the first sleeve increases.
Knit your stocking stitch longer/shorter and the Sleeve Count will make sure you do the same on the other side.