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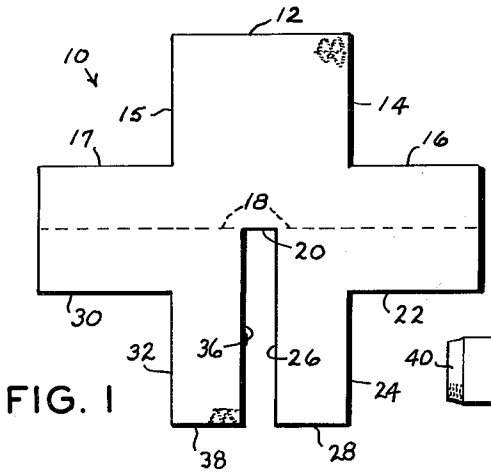


FIG. 1

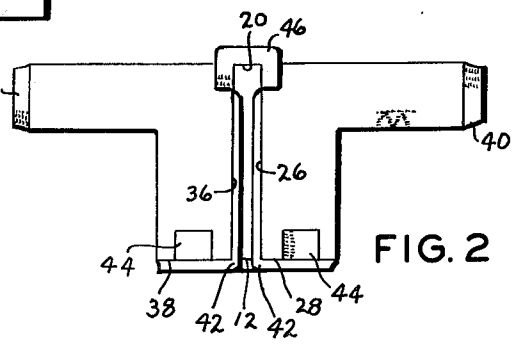


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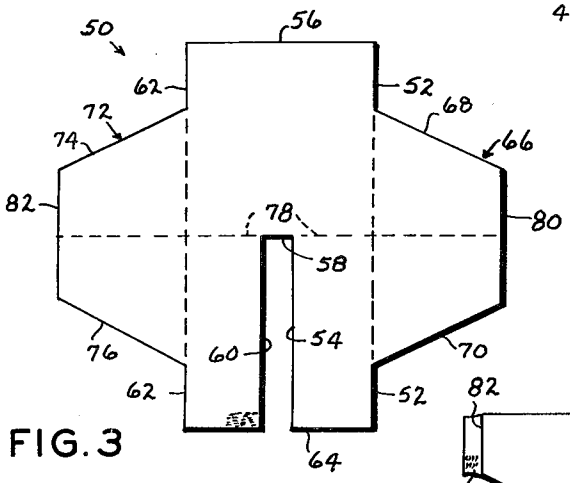


FIG. 3

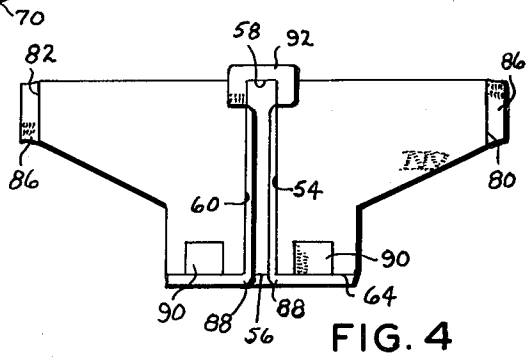


FIG. 4

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The present invention relates to clothing and more particularly to sweater constructions.

Most sweaters are constructed with separate sleeves which are later attached to the body portion. The body portion is formed of front and back parts thus forming a seam along the upper portion of the shoulder and at the juncture of the sleeves with the body portion.

The principal object of the invention is to set forth a method of forming a sweater of unitary construction.

Another object is to provide a method of crocheting yarn to form a sweater without seams.

Another object is to provide a sweater formed of loosely crocheted yarn which is of relatively light weight and yet provides warmth for the wearer.

Still another object is to provide a method of sweater construction eliminating seams normally employed which will be more comfortable for the wearer by the elimination of such seams and which further eliminates separation of the parts thereof at such seams.

A further object is to provide a sweater of crocheted yarn having a relatively long useful life when compared with other types of sweater construction.

The present invention accomplishes these and other objects by crocheting yarn to define the outline pattern shape of a sweater wherein the sleeves are formed simultaneously with the body covering portion of the sweater.

Other objects will be apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying single sheet of drawings, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a plan view of one sweater pattern;

FIGURE 2 is a front elevational view of the completed sweater shown by FIG. 1;

FIGURE 3 is a plan view of an alternate sweater pattern; and

FIGURE 4 is a front elevational view of the completed sweater shown in FIG. 3.

Like characters of reference designate like parts in those figures of the drawings in which they occur.

In the drawings:

Referring more particularly to FIG. 1, an example of a medium size coat type sweater pattern, indicated as a whole by the numeral **10**, is formed by using four ply yarn and a J size crochet hook. The crocheting of the sweater pattern is started by crocheting sixty-five chain stitches for the back bottom edge **12** of the sweater, then single crocheting back along this chain stitch. Crochet three chain stitches, skip one single crochet stitch, and double crochet into the next single crochet stitch, double crochet in the single crochet stitch that was skipped. To form a cross stitch pattern, continue this same crochet stitch along the remaining length of the crocheted stitches. Repeat the single crochet and the cross stitch crochet pattern until the crocheted back portion of the pattern is a desired length, for example, about sixteen inches as indicated by the opposing parallel lines **14** and **15**. At this point widen the pattern laterally from the lines **14** and **15** by crocheting opposing chains of forty-five stitches each to define an edge for each sleeve, as at **16** and **17**, and continue to crochet the same single crochet and the cross stitch crochet pattern as before, transversely of the pattern, to form a desired width for the back portion of the sleeves, for example, approximately eight inches measured between the edges **16** and **17** and the position shown by the dotted line **18**. The neck of the sweater pattern is formed by leaving a space

of desired width, approximately three inches, indicated by the line **20**. Continue using the same single crochet and the cross stitch crochet pattern for the remaining width, or front portion of the left sleeve, to equal the width of the sleeve back portion as measured between the dotted line **18** and the sleeve edge **22**. Finish crocheting the adjacent left front part or panel portion of the sweater, between the lines **24** and **26**, terminating at the front bottom edge **28** equidistant, with respect to the bottom back edge **12**, from the line **18**. Attach the yarn to the other side of the pattern adjacent the neckline **20** and crochet, with the same crochet design, the front portion of the right sleeve equal to the width of the left sleeve measured from the dotted line **18** to the edge **30**. Complete the right front part or panel portion of the sweater front between the lines **32** and **36** terminating at the front bottom edge or line **38** aligned with the front bottom edge **28**. Fold the pattern **10** along the dotted line **18** and crochet the sweater arm edges **16—22** and **17—30** together and crochet the front and back side edges **14** to **24** and **15** to **32**. Attach the yarn to the end of each sleeve and single crochet around the end of each sleeve a desired number of times to form a cuff **40** of a desired width. Attach the yarn to the sweater bottom and single crochet a desired number of rows around the bottom and front edges, indicated by the lines **12**, **26**, **28**, **36** and **38**, to form a finished edge of a desired width. Three single crochet stitches are added to the front bottom corner portions **42** of the sweater to maintain the material flat and prevent these corners from turning under when the sweater is worn.

Pockets **44** are formed by attaching the yarn at a selected point on each of the sweater front panels and forming twenty chain crochet stitches and then single crocheting back and forth to form the pocket a desired width. The side edges of the pockets are then attached to the sweater.

A collar **46** is formed by attaching the yarn approximately three inches from the top of the sweater at the neckline **20** and single crocheting back and forth, around the neckline to the same point on the opposite side, a selected number of times to form a desired width for the collar.

Referring now more particularly to FIG. 3, the reference numeral **50** indicates a large size bat wing sleeve type sweater pattern formed of four ply yarn using a J size crochet hook. This sweater pattern **50** is started by chain crocheting one hundred fifty stitches to define the full length of one side **52** of the pattern, then turn the crochet hook and chain one crochet stitch and single crochet once in the second chain stitch from the adjacent end of the chain stitching, double crochet once in this single crochet stitch, then skip one single crochet stitch and repeat this crochet stitch pattern across the remaining length of the one hundred fifty chain stitches. Repeat this crochet stitch pattern for a width of the sweater front. Continue crocheting the central back portion of the pattern for a width of approximately three inches, from the back bottom edge **56** to a point medial the length of the pattern, which defines the neckline **58**. After forming the neckline **58**, attach another skein of yarn to the end of the neckline **58** and chain seventy-five crochet stitches to form the other front side edge **60** of the sweater and tie off the last mentioned skein. Repeat the crochet stitch pattern the full length of the pattern to complete the other front panel portion and remaining back portion of the sweater defined by the line **62** substantially parallel with the line **52**.

To form the left sleeve **66** attach the yarn to the pattern edge **52**, approximately eight inches from the back bottom edge **56** of the formed pattern, in one single

crochet stitch and crochet the same crochet stitch pattern along the dotted line portion of the line **52**, to a point approximately eight inches from the front bottom edge **64**, decreasing one stitch at each end of each row of crochet stitches transversely of the sleeve to form converging sleeve edges **68** and **70**. Crochet the other or right sleeve **72** to the pattern edge **62** in a similar manner to form converging sleeve edges **74** and **76**. Fold the pattern **50** along the dotted line **78** and crochet the sleeve edges **68—70** and **74—76** and the respective sides **52** and **62** of the sweater pattern together. Attach the yarn to each of the sleeve ends **80** and **82**, respectively, and single crochet around the sleeve ends four times to form cuffs **84** and **86**, respectively. Single crochet around the bottom and front edges **56—64** and **54—60**, respectively, of the sweater four times to form a finished edge. Add three single crochet stitches in each front bottom corner **88** of the sweater.

Pockets **90** are formed by attaching the yarn to the front bottom portion and single crocheting twenty stitches back and forth to form pocket panels a desired width which are then attached to the pattern along the side edges thus formed.

A collar **92** is formed by attaching the yarn approximately three inches from the top of the sweater at the line **58** and single crocheting back and forth, around the neckline to the same point on the opposite side a selected number of times to form a desired width for the collar.

Obviously the invention is susceptible to some change or alteration without defeating its practicability, and I therefore do not wish to be confined to the preferred embodiment shown in the drawings and described herein, further than I am limited by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A method of forming a unitary sweater pattern, comprising: crocheting yarn by cross stitching to form a sweater back body portion of a selected width and length, said back body portion having finished bottom and side edges crocheting yarn by cross stitching laterally of the back body portion of the pattern to form a pair of sleeves, each said sleeve having opposing finished side edges; and crocheting yarn by cross stitching forwardly of the sleeves to form two parallel front body portions of a selected width and length, each said front body portion having finished bottom and side edges.

2. A method of forming a unitary sweater, comprising: crocheting yarn by cross stitching to form a sweater back body portion of a selected width and length, said back body portion having finished bottom and side edges; crocheting yarn by cross stitching laterally of the back body portion of the pattern to form a pair of sleeves, each said sleeve having opposing finished side edges; crocheting yarn by cross stitching forwardly of the sleeves to form two parallel front body portions of a selected width and length, each said front body portion having finished bottom and side edges; and crocheting the respective opposing body side and sleeve edges together in a seamless manner.

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