*Free Knitting Pattern*
## Lion Brand® Lion® Cashmere Blend
# Flattering Sweater
### Pattern Number: 70068

## SKILL LEVEL - Intermediate

## SIZE
S/M (L/1X, 2X/3X)
**Finished Bust** 43 1/2 (51 1/2, 59 1/2) in. [110.5 (131, 151) cm]
**Finished Length** 21 (23, 25) in. [53.5 (58.5, 63.5) cm]
**Note** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

## MATERIALS
- Lion Brand® Lion® Cashmere Blend (Art. #270)
  - 145 Plum 13 (16, 19) balls
  - or color of your choice
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch holders
- Lion Brand® split ring markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle

## GAUGE
16 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. [10 cm] in St st (k on RS, p on WS).
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATIONS
**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Sl next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog.

## LEFT FRONT
Cast on 53 (61, 69) sts.
**Rows 1 and 3 (WS):** Sl 1, (k 1, p 1) to end of row.
**Row 2 (RS):** Sl 1, (p 1, k 1) to end of row.
**Row 4:** Sl 1, (p 1, k 1) twice, (p 3, k 5) to last 8 sts, p 3, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1.
**Row 5:** Sl 1, (k 1, p 1) twice, (k 3, p 5) to last 8 sts, k 3, (p 1, k 1) twice, p 1.
Rep Rows 4-5 until piece measures 5 in. [12.5 cm] from beg, end with a RS row.
Keeping first and last 5 sts in rib as established, work center 43 (51, 59) sts in Rev St st (p on RS, k on WS) for 3 (3 1/2, 4) in. [7.5 (9, 10) cm], end with a RS row.
**Side Shaping**
**Row 1 (WS):** Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, purl to end of row.
**Row 2 (Dec Row):** K 1, ssk, knit to last 5 sts, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1.
Rep Rows 1-2 twice more, end with a RS row. Keeping first 5 sts in rib as established, work until St st section measures 3 (3 1/2, 4) in. [7.5 (9, 10) cm], end

with a RS row.
**Rev St st Section**
**Row 1 (WS):** Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, knit to last st, p 1.
**Row 2 (Dec Row):** K 1, p2tog, purl to last 5 sts, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1.
Rep Rows 1-2 until 39 (46, 53) sts remain. Work until Rev St st section measures 3 (3 1/2, 4) in. [7.5 (9, 10) cm], end with a WS row.
**Shape Sleeve**
**Next Row:** Cast on 34 sts, purl to last 5 sts of Left Front, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1 – 73 (80, 87) sts.
Work even in Rev St st as established, keeping 5 front edge sts in rib, until sleeve measures 7 (8, 9) in. [18 (20.5, 23) cm], end with a WS row. Place 6 front edge sts on one holder and remaining 67 (74, 81) sts on another holder.

## RIGHT FRONT
Work as for Left Front, reversing all shaping. End with a WS row, placing last 6 sts on holder.

## BACK
**Next Row:** Purl remaining 67 (74, 81) sts from Right Front, cast on 21 (23, 25) sts, k 67 (74, 81) sts of Left front from holder – 155 (171, 187) sts.
Work even in Rev St st until sleeves measure 14 (16, 18) in. [35.5 (40.5, 45.5) cm] from cast-on edge, end with a RS row. Bind off 34 sts at beg of next 2 rows – 87 (103, 119) sts.
**Shape Side**
Inc 1 st each side every 6th row 10 (11, 12) times – 107 (125, 143) sts.
AT THE SAME TIME, continue working in Rev St st for 3 (3 1/2, 4) in. [7.5 (9, 10) cm] from sleeve bind-off. Then work in St st for 3 (3 1/2, 4) in. [7.5 (9, 10) cm], end with a RS row.
**Back Vent**
Continuing to shape sides, work in Rev St st and established rib for vent edging as follows:
**Next Row (WS):** Sl 1, (k 1, p 1) twice, knit to last 5 sts, (p 1, k 1) twice, p 1.
**Next Row (RS):** Sl 1, (p 1, k 1) twice, purl to last 5 sts, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1.
Keeping first and last 5 sts in rib as established, continue in Rev St st for 6 (6 1/2, 7) in. [15 (16.5, 18) cm], end with a RS row.
**Next Row (WS):** Sl 1, (k 1, p 1) twice, p 2 (3, 0), [k 5, p 3] to last 12 sts, k 5, p 2 (3, 0), (p1, k1) twice, p1.
**Next Row (Inc Row):** Sl 1, (p 1, k 1) twice, inc 1, work rib as established to last 5 sts, inc 1, (k 1, p 1) twice, k 1.
Working rib as established, rep Inc Row every 6th row 3 (2, 2) more times – 115 (131, 149) sts.  Work even as established until ribbed section measures 4 1/2 in. [11.5 cm], end with a WS row.
**Next Row (RS):** Sl 1, (k 1, p 1) to end.
**Row 2:** Sl 1, (p 1, k 1) to end.

**Row 3:** Sl 1, (k1, p1) to end.

Bind off all sts.

## FINISHING
### Cuffs
Pick up 56 (64, 72) sts evenly spaced along lower edge of sleeve. Work 14 rows in Rev St st, then 30 rows in K3, P5 Rib, and then 3 rows in K1, P1 Rib. Bind off. Sew sleeve seams and side seams above vents. Back vent is longer than Front vent.

### Neckband
Place 6 sts of Left Front from holder onto needle and work in established rib until piece, when slightly stretched, reaches to center of Back neck. Bind off. Rep for Right Front. Sew Neckband seam, sew Neckband to edge of Back neck. Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS
beg = begin(ning)
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)
inc = increase(e)(s)(ing)
k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together
p = purl
p2tog = purl 2 together
rep = repeat
RS = right side
sl = slip
St st = stockinette stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
tog = together
WS = wrong side

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21¾ (25¾, 29¾) in.

28¾ (32¾, 37¼) in.

Back

Sleeve      Cuff

Left Front

17 (18, 19) in.

14 (16, 18) in.

14 (15, 16) in.

5¼ (5¾, 6¼) in.

13¼ (15¼, 17¼) in.

9¾ (11½, 13¼) in.     8½ in.     8½ in.