

## It's Sew Easy Series 1900

### Show#1909-1 Three Way Sweater Wrap

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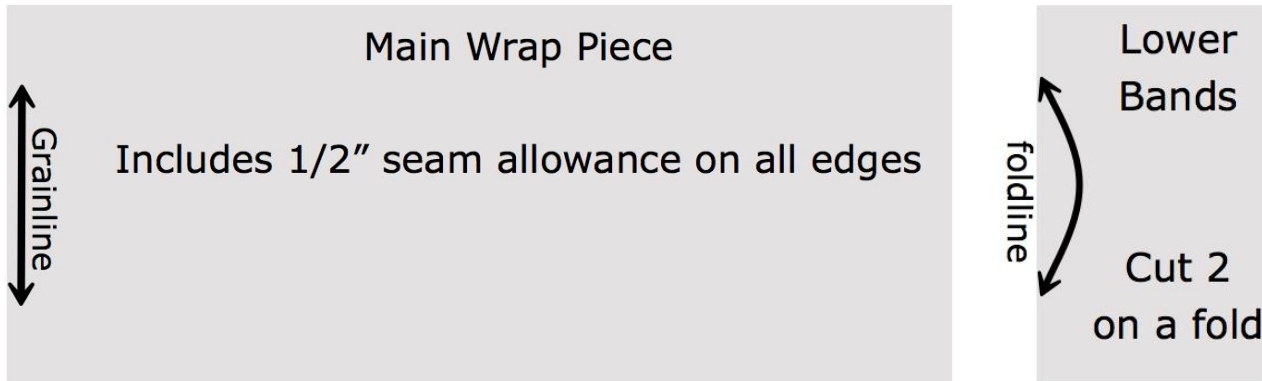
Made from lightweight sweater knit, you'll reach for this accessory time and time again! Each wrap shown here features unique in-seam buttonholes at one end of the wrap, a technique originally developed for the embroidered version made from lightweight faux suede. Wear this chic cozy wrap three ways for maximum versatility! **Are you ready? Let's go sew!**

#### **Materials and supplies featured in this show:**

- [Brother](#) XP1 Luminaire Sewing & Embroidery machine
- [Pattern tracing cloth](#) for creating sweater wrap pattern.
- Basic sewing notions, measuring tool, and a size 11 stretch needle.
- Three (1 ½-inch) buttons for wrap closure and three small buttons used as backer buttons to add strength.
- Lightweight, soft sweater knit cut using patterns created in step #1 of instructions.
- Lightweight fusible tricot interfacing for stabilizing fabric.

## Steps for making Sweater Wrap:

1. Create patterns as follows: Draw a rectangle measuring 45-inches wide X 17-inches long for the main wrap piece. Draw a rectangle measuring 10-inches wide X 17-inches long for bands at each end. See pattern examples below:



**Note:** To economize on fabric you can add a seam in place of the foldline on the band.

2. Use patterns to cut two large rectangles for main wrap piece and two rectangles for bands at each end.
3. Cut eight strips of interfacing measuring 1-inch wide X 17-inches long, using stable grain of interfacing for the length of strip. **Tip:** Cut long edges using pinking shears or a rotary pinking blade to soften the edges. Fuse strips to each of the eight short raw edges of main wrap pieces and band pieces to keep these seams from stretching.
4. Select one of the main wrap pieces and one of the band pieces. Sew one short end of band to one short end of wrap piece. Select the second wrap piece and sew remaining short end of band to corresponding edge of second wrap piece.
5. To form the end with in-seam buttonhole openings, you'll need to start by marking off openings on both wrap pieces and the remaining lower band piece. Use image below as a guide:

**Measure 3" from edge & mark off 1 1/2" buttonhole openings on both wrap pieces and remaining lower band piece**



6. Sew short ends of band to each short end of wrap pieces, stitching between the marked lines for buttonhole openings, and taking care to re-enforce stitches at the beginning and ending of each stitching line. You have now formed a large loop of fabric. Press all seams open and then topstitch close to each seamline to keep seams flat. **Tip:** You can trim a small amount of the seam allowance after topstitching if you like.
7. Place the piece on a large flat surface and pin long sides, carefully matching the lower band seams, with buttonholes directly on top of one another. Pin and then sew long edges using a 1/2-inch seam allowance. Turn wrap right side out. **Note:** If your fabric is bulky, you'll need to leave a small opening along one side to turn wrap right side out. If your fabric is soft and light you can pull the wrap through to the right side using the opening formed by the buttonhole.

8. Carefully press the wrap flat and close opening in side seam if necessary. Smooth fabric layers making sure buttonhole openings are directly on top of one another. Sew a small tacking stitch at the crosswise end of each buttonhole, sewing through all layers to keep layers from shifting.

To finish, mark positions for buttons on the left side of the wrap. Note that the buttonhole on the lower band is on the right side of the body so you can wear this wrapped right over left like a jacket. Sew buttons through both layers of wrap, backing the large button with a small one on the back side to add strength. To wear this wrap three ways, you can simply change the buttoning position and drape the wrap wherever you find it most flattering. I suggest standing in front of a mirror and experimenting with different looks while changing the button positions.



*If you're interested in the embroidered version of this wrap you can click on the image below and preview my book titled [Wrapped in Embroidery](#). The book features a total of nine machine embroidered wrap projects with photographs and illustrations showing step by step instructions for making simple wrap patterns, embroidering each wrap, and sewing them so they look completely finished on both right and wrong sides. The book also includes a CD with 16 classic embroidery designs to coordinate with the wraps.*

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- Sign-up for letsgo sew.com news [HERE](#).
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- I purchased the black and white sweater knit fabric from fabric.com.

Happy Sewing!

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