

Julia here.

[Bright Star](#) by Cathy Caron is a sweater that really grew on me as we were planning photography for the winter issue. I liked it the way Cathy pitched it — on a mannequin — but how would we style it? At first I didn't know, but a little thought later, I couldn't stop thinking of ways to wear it.

You've seen the sweater over that vintage dress with the amazing skirt as we showed it in the magazine. The cardigan covers the halter-style top of the dress; as a strategic piece, Bright Star turns a season-and bra-specific dress into something that can be worn almost year round, into a practically indispensable wardrobe option.



Another vintage profile was this rayon dress I had on loan, but I thought it had a seriousness to it

that we weren't looking for in the Faneuil Hall story. I would put this particular silhouette with brown oxfords and ankle socks for a 30's feel, like a young Judy Garland running down to the drugstore to get an egg cream.



Personally, I don't really think of myself as someone who would wear a cropped sweater, but lately,



I've become somewhat enamored of the idea of smaller lighter sweaters worn as layers, with longer sleeves of jersey t-shirts showing, and maybe even a great "on trend" boyfriend jacket thrown over the whole thing with the sleeves rolled up. Even north of 45 (as I am), I understand that it's possible to be youthful without being ridiculous. Serious boots with warm textured tights ground the whole look.



[Movie Date for Bright Star](#) by [farwellclay](#)

Over smart trousers, Bright Star can be polished and professional looking. So long as you keep the under-layer longer, mixing up the proportions, you'll look stylish and intentional. This has a Murphy Brown feeling to me.





To be sure, you're going to need your Spanx for that one, but I think many knitters would look taller

and leaner with a sweater fitted through the ribcage, and the illusion of a higher waist that Bright Star has. And of course, anyone is free to give it a few extra inches of ribbing to cover the trouser waistband, if they were so moved.

How would you wear Bright Star?