

The Girlfriend Shrug

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The Pattern

Begin First Sleeve:

With US Size 2 needles, CO 42(46, 48, 52, 56) stitches. Work in 1x1 ribbing (K1, P1) for 1.5(1.5, 1.5, 2, 2) inches. Change to St st and inc 1 st on each end of needle every 4 rows (if number is zero, omit step) 3(1, 0, 0, 0) times.

Then, increase 1 st on each end of needle every 6 rows 10(12, 15, 15, 16) times.

There will be 68(72, 78, 82, 88) sts on the needle. Place safety pin or stitch marker through a stitch to mark the last increase. Work even, if necessary, until piece measures 11.5(12, 13.5, 14.5, 15.5) inches. Now, place safety pin to mark the end of the sleeve.

This shrug is worked flat, from sleeve to sleeve. When it is complete, you will sew the sleeves together, up to the armpits.

Sizes:

Children's
2-3(4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10)

Gauge:

28 stitches and 32 rows to 4 inches on US size 2 needles

Materials:

Lang Yarns Bebe Color Jacquard Superwash, 50 gm=203 meters, 3(3, 4, 4, 4) bags (Similar gauge sock yarn can be substituted)

Small amount of superwash wool in contrasting color, in same gauge

US Size 2 (2.75mm) Circular needles, 24" long

Tapestry Needle

Safety Pins or Stitch Markers

Difficulty Rating:

Easy. You'll need to know how to knit, purl, and pick up and knit stitches.

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Back Section:

Work even for an additional 13(14, 15, 16, 17) inches, or desired length. (This portion will go across the back. Some people will be more comfortable if this is a little long. If this portion is too short, the shrug will be more likely to ride up.) Place marker to mark end of back section.

Begin Second Sleeve:

Look at the first sleeve. Find the two markers you placed that mark your last sleeve increase and then end of the sleeve. Take a measurement between the two markers, if any, and knit an equal amount, so when you begin decreasing, your second sleeve matches the first.

Second Sleeve Decreases:

On next RS row, decrease 1 st at each end of the needle. Then, repeat decreases every 6 rows 9(11, 14, 14, 15) more times.

First Two Sizes Only: Work 4 rows, then decrease 1 st at each end of needle. Repeat decreases every 4 rows 2(0, 0, 0, 0) more times.

All Sizes: Work even until sleeve length matches the other side, minus the 1x1 ribbing. Change to 1x1 ribbing for 1.5(1.5, 1.5, 2, 2) inches. Bind off.

Weave in ends.

Starting at cuff, sew each sleeve seam up to the armpit using mattress stitch. The sleeve length should be 11.5(12, 13.5, 14.5, 15.5) inches.

Shrug Ribbing:

Using a contrasting color, with size 2 circular needles, pick up and knit an even number of stitches around the shrug opening, approximately 1 stitch for each knitted row. Working in the round, work 1x1 ribbing for 1.5 inches (all sizes), or desired width.

Bind off all stitches loosely.



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