



▪ simply grand ▪ spring drop stitch shrug

Sizes

One size fits all. Size variations can be made by length of underarm seam. A shorter underarm seam will result in a larger body opening, and a longer seam will result in a smaller body opening.

Materials

Yarn: 4 skeins Tahki Cotton Classic, 4 skeins Stacy Charles Cosmos

Yardage: Approximately 360 yards each of yarns to be held together. You can also use a bulkier yarn held single.

Needles: Size 10 and 11, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge

3 sts per inch in garter stitch on larger needles, holding both yarns together.

Abbreviations

k	knit
p	purl
st	stitch
yo	bring yarn forward between needles and up over right needle, creating a fake stitch
kfb	knit into the front and back of the next stitch
ssk	slip the next two sts, one at a time, as if to knit. Insert the tip of the left needle into the fronts of these sts and k them together.
k2tog	knit 2 sts together as one.
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

Pattern Note

This pattern is written with the shrug knitted flat and then seamed under the arms. For details on how to knit the sleeves in the round instead, see “Circular Notes” at the end of the pattern.

Instructions

Beginning at the cuff edge, cast on 46 stitches on the smaller needle.



Work 16 rows garter stitch, ending with a WS row. Change to larger needles.

Next row: k1, *yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

Next row: k1, *drop yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

1st increase row: k5, kfb, *k4, kfb, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5. (54 sts)

Next row: Knit

2nd increase row: *k5, kfb, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6. (62 sts)

Next row: Knit

3rd increase row: k6, *kfb, k6, repeat from * to end. (70 sts)

Next row: Knit

You have now completed the set-up and shaping for the main body of the shrug.

Row 1: k1, *yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

Row 2. k1, *drop yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Knit

Repeat Rows 1-4 until shrug measures approximately 30 inches from beginning, ending with Row 2. (If you would like your sleeves to be even longer, you can add more length at this point before you start to decrease. If you would prefer shorter sleeves, you can stop short. Please note that if you choose to lengthen the piece, you may need extra yarn.)

1st decrease row: k6, [ssk, k6] 4 times, [ktog, k6] 4 times. (62 sts)

Next row: Knit

2nd decrease row: [k5, ssk] 4 times, [k5, k2tog] 4 times, k6. (54 sts)

Next row: Knit

3rd decrease row: k5, [ssk, k4] 4 times, [k2tog, k4] 3 times, k2tog, k5. (46 sts)

Next row: Knit

Next row: k1, *yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

Next row: k1, *drop yo, k1, repeat from * to end.

Change to smaller needles.

Work 16 rows garter stitch, ending with a WS row.

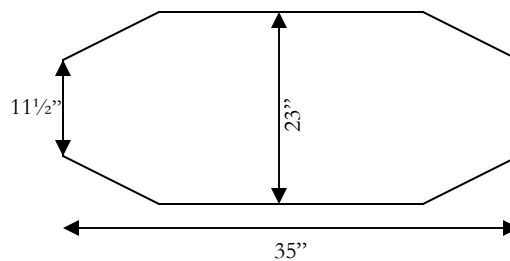
Bind off *loosely*.

Finishing

Fold shrug in half lengthwise and sew up sleeve seams 6" – 10", depending on size. The longer the underarm seam, the smaller the body opening—and vice versa. (The seam in the photo is 8¼".) To find the right fit, try the shrug on as you seam up the first sleeve.



Dimensions of shrug before seaming



Circular Notes

This pattern is written with the shrug knitted flat and then seamed under the arms. This is partly so the garment requires no purling and partly so that you can make sizing adjustments with your seams. But if you would like to avoid seams, you can knit the sleeve circularly until your desired underarm length and then switch to knitting back and forth. This method requires that you have size 10 circulars in 16" length, size 11 16", and size 11 24" (or size to obtain gauge).

The biggest difference in the circular version is that you must keep in mind that when working in the round, garter stitch is *knit one row, purl one row*. Then, when you switch to knitting back and forth after you reach your desired sleeve length, you will knit every row. You will knit your desired body opening and then join again to knit the second sleeve in the round. Please note that your increase and decrease rows will occur on *knit* rows.

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