

No-Shaping Shrug

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This shrug has absolutely no shaping . . . just two easy rectangular pieces using only garter stitch! Binding off on a smaller needle gives this shrug a stylish curve without fancy stitches. It can be knit in about two evenings and is perfect for anyone who has never knit anything other than a scarf. Choose a short or long version.

☆ FINISHED SIZE:

44 (50)" (112 [127] cm) bust circumference and 18" (45.5 cm) or 22" (56 cm) long.

YARN:

Short Version: Colinette Firecracker: #85 Jay, 2 (3) skeins and Colinette SilkyChic: #85 Jay, 2 (2) skeins (used double). Long Version: Colinette Firecracker: #85 Jay, 3 (4) skeins and Colinette SilkyChic: #85 Jay, 2 (3) skeins (used double).

NEEDLES:

Shrug—Size 13 (9 mm). Bind-off row—Sizes 11 (8 mm) and 15 (10 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

☆ NOTIONS:

Stitch holder; tapestry needle.

☆ GAUGE:

9 sts and 17 rows = 4" (10 cm) in striped garter st on size 13 (9 mm) needles.

☆ SKILL LEVEL:

Beginner. ●

Notes

SilkyChic is used double throughout; Firecracker is used single. The shrug is worked sideways in two pieces; the only finishing required is joining the center back seam and sewing the side seams.

The short version reaches the waist; the long version reaches below the waist.

LEFT SIDE:

With 2 strands of SilkyChic, size 13 (9 mm) needles, and using the knitted method (see page 2), CO 80 sts for short version (100 sts for long version). Work striped garter st as foll:

Rows 1–6: With 2 strands of SilkyChic, knit.

Rows 7–14: With 1 strand of Firecracker, knit.

Rep Rows 1–14 two more times, then work 1–6 again—47 rows total.

For size 50" only: Rep rows 7–14, then work Rows 1–6 again.

Place sts on holder.

RIGHT SIDE:

Work as for Left Side, but leave sts on needle.

JOIN LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES:

Option 1: Easy 3-Needle Bind-Off:

(Note: By working a 3-needle bind-off, you will knit the back seam together without the need to sew it. Don't be afraid to try this—it really is easy.) Leave the sts of the Right Side on the needles. Place the sts for the Left Side onto another needle. With the right sides of the two pieces facing each other (wrong sides facing outward) and holding the two needles parallel, BO 36 sts for short version or 46 sts for long version as foll with a size 15 (10 mm) needle (one needle size larger than used to knit the pieces): Insert larger needle knitwise into the first st on each needle, wrap the yarn around the needle tip and pull through both sts to knit them together. *Knit the next st

Knitted Cast-On

Place slipknot on left needle if there are no established stitches. *With right needle, knit into first stitch (or slipknot) on left needle (Figure 1) and place new stitch onto left needle (Figure 2). Repeat from *, always knitting into last stitch made.



Figure 1



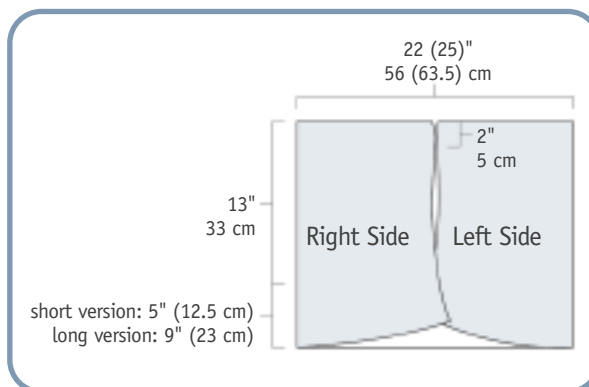
Figure 2

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on each needle tog—2 sts on third needle. Slip the first st on third needle over the second st and off the needle—1 st on third needle; 1 st B0. Rep from * until 44 sts rem on each needle for short version; 54 sts for long version. B0 rem sts separately with size 11 (8 mm) needle (one needle size smaller than used to knit the pieces), i.e., B0 rem sts of Right Side, then rejoin yarn to rem sts of Left Side and B0 rem sts of Left Side.

Option 2: Regular Bind-Off and Seam:

With size 15 (10 mm) needle (one needle size larger than used to knit the pieces), B0 36 sts for short version, or 46 sts for long version, of Right Side—44 sts rem for short version; 54 sts rem for long version. Change to size 11 (8



mm) needle (one needle size smaller than used to knit the pieces), and B0 rem sts. Rep for Left Side. Place the two pieces side by side with the sections B0 with the larger needles next to each other. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew the 36 sts for short version or 46 sts for long version tog to form center back seam (seam should be about 16" [40.5 cm] long for short version; about 20" [51 cm] long for long version).

☆ FINISHING:

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side seams for 5" (12.5 cm) for short version or 9" (23 cm) for long version, leaving 13" (33 cm) open for armholes. Weave in loose ends.

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