

KNITTING PURE & SIMPLE

CLAIRE'S EASIEST SHRUG



Sizes-

Women's- small/ medium, large/xlarge)

Childs - 4 to 8

Babies - 6 to 24 months.

Finished measurements-

Both women's sizes- cuff to cuff 35 inches.
sleeve width- 14 (16) inches.

Childs- cuff to cuff 27 inches.

Sleeve width- 11 inches.

Babies- cuff to cuff- 16 inches.

Sleeve width- 9 inches.

Materials-

For women's- 29 inch circular needle size 13

Bulky weight yarn (not super bulky) approx.
250 (275) yards.

For childs- 29 inch circular needle size 10.5. worsted
weight yarn approx. 265 yds.

For babies- 29 inch circular or 14 inch single point
needles size 10.5 worsted weight yarn approx.
153 yds.

Please use any needle sizes that get the correct stitch
gauge.

Gauge-

In garter stitch-

women's - 10 sts equal 4 inches.

Child's and babies- 14 sts equal 4 inches.

This is a very loose gauge for the stated yarn, and is necessary for elasticity.

Stitches used-

Garter stitch- K every row.

Garter stitch will give the elasticity necessary for this shrug to hug the body. Other stitch patterns might give different results.

Directions are for size small/medium, with changes for large/xlarge size in parentheses. If there is only one set of numbers, it refers to both sizes.

Changes for the child's and baby sizes are in brackets[]

Beginning at lower edge, cast on very loosely 88 [94, 56] sts.

If you would like a longer sleeve, you can cast on more stitches. Use your stitch gauge to determine how many more to cast on.

Row 1- slip one, k to end of row.

Repeat this row until work measures 14 (16) [11, 9] inches. Bind off very loosely.

Fold in half lengthwise (cast on edge touching bound off edge) and sew up 6 [4, 3] inch seams following the photo. Garter stitch does not have a right or wrong side. Make sure you weave in the ends on the side that you decide is the inside of your shrug. If you have cast on for a longer sleeve, the sleeve seam will need to be longer.

To use a different weight yarn-

The green shrug is worsted weight yarn, done at 4 stitches to the inch.

You can easily adapt this pattern to other weights of yarn. To use a different weight yarn, you will need to knit a swatch in the yarn that you want to use, and measure the gauge carefully. The swatch should be done on a needle size at least 2 sizes larger than recommended by the yarn label. If your yarn label suggests a size 5 needle, do your swatch on a 7 or 8.

You want a very loose gauge.

Then multiply your gauge by 35 inches (for the women's size) to get the number of stitches to cast on. The cast on amount is the only number you will need to change. You will work the same number of inches, and sew the seam the same number of inches.

To add a decorative stitch pattern to the edge-

The lace pattern shown is a multiple of 12 stitches.

Feather and fan pattern (a multiple of 12 sts)-

When working in rows-

Row 1 (ws)- knit.

Row 2- knit.

Row 3- purl.

Row 4- *[k 2 tog] 2 times, [yo, k 1] 4 times, [k 2 tog] 2 times*, rep to end of row.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

To fit this pattern into your stitch count, divide your count by 12. Any remaining stitches would be kept in garter stitch.

An example- your cast on amount is 140 stitches. 140 divided by 12 is 11.666.

11x12 is 132, that would leave 8 stitches left over.

You would keep 4 stitches st each end of your work in garter stitch, and work the lace pattern on 132 stitches remaining.

I worked 3 repeats of this pattern, then began the garter stitch and worked to the stated measurements.

