

# The Girlfriend Shrug

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## Begin first sleeve:

With US Size 2 needles, CO 42 (46, 48, 52, 56) stitches. Work in 1x1 ribbing (knit 1, purl 1) 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) 3 (1, 0, 0, 0) times.

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

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

## 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 the 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 stitch at each end of needle. Then, repeat decreases every 6 rows 9 (11, 14, 14, 15) more times.

For first two sizes only: Work 4 rows, then decrease 1 stitch 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 armpit. 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 needle, pick up and knit an even number of stitches around 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.

You will work this shrug flat, from sleeve to sleeve, then later sew sleeves together, up to the armpits.

## Sizes:

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

## Materials:

: Lang Yarns Bebe Color Jacquard Superwash, 50 gm=203 meters, 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) bags

: Superwash wool in contrast color, but same gauge (a small amount for ribbing around shrug)

: US 2 circular needles, 24-inches long

: Tapestry needle

: Safety pins or stitch markers

## Gauge:

: 28 stitches and 32 rows=4 inches on size 2 needles



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