

Woolly Mammoth Knits



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Bella Sera Shrug

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Bella Sera means “beautiful evening” in Italian, the language of my previous country of residence. I picture one wearing this little mini shrug on precisely such an evening, thrown over a strappy top or perhaps a dress for a bit of extra warmth on a cool summer night. This shrug only takes 2 balls of worsted weight yarn and is a very quick knit, with minimal shaping and a fitted shape through the natural stretchiness of knitted fabric. It is knit from the top down with raglan increases and has a neckline and bottom

hem decorated with rows of yarn over eyelets. A wide ribbon is threaded through these eyelets and used to tie the shrug in front. If you prefer to use wool instead of cotton, you could also consider lengthening the sleeves for a more fall- or winter-time look.

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SIZE

XS, S, M, L, XL

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 31 [35, 39, 42, 47] (Shrug shown in size XS)

MATERIALS USED FOR SHRUG SHOWN IN PICTURES

Wendy 100% Cotton, fiber content: 100% cotton, approx. 170 m/187 yds per 100 g., 2 [2, 3, 3, 3] balls.

MATERIALS NEEDED

2 [2, 3, 3, 3] balls of 100g. (or 2 of 50g.) heavy worsted weight yarn, with a similar yardage to the yarn used for the shrug pictured.

1 29-inch length US #7/4.5mm circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge

Crochet hook, darning needle, ribbon

GAUGE

15-16 sts/ 25-26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch



PATTERN NOTES

This shrug is worked from the top down, back and forth on a circular needle, with raglan increases in the yoke.

PM = Place stitch marker

KFB = knit the front and back loop of the stitch

PFB = purl into the front and back loop of the stitch

Double yarn over = move the yarn to the front, wrapping it around the needle as with a yarn over, then wrap the yarn around the needle again (two throws).

On the next row, do NOT knit both loops of the double yarn over as with a regular lace double yarn over. Instead, purl the first loop and slip the next one off the needle.

PATTERN

CO 72 [72, 72, 76, 80] sts

Yoke

Starting with a RS row

Row 1: knit

Row 2: knit

Row 3: k2 [yo, k2tog] to end

Row 4: knit

Raglan yoke set-up row

Row 5: k15 [15, 15, 16, 17], PM, k6 [6, 6, 6, 6], PM, k30 [30, 30, 32, 34], PM, k6 [6, 6, 6, 6], PM, k15 [15, 15, 16, 17]

Row 6: purl

Next row: [knit to one stitch before marker, KFB, slip marker, KFB] repeat 3 times, knit to end

Next row: purl

Repeat these two rows 14 [18, 22, 24, 28] times -- 192, [224, 256, 276, 312] sts on needle

Separate sleeves from body:

Next row: [knit to marker, take off marker, put the next 36 [44, 52, 56, 64] sts on a stitch holder to be worked later, take off marker] repeat once, knit to end --- 120 [136, 152, 164, 184] sts on needle

Body

Next row: p30 [34, 38, 41, 46], PFB, PFB, p60 [68, 76, 82, 92], PFB, PFB, p to end -- 124 [140, 156, 168, 188] sts on needle

Next row: knit

Next: work in st. st. for 2 inches, or however long you would like the shrug to be. After this point, you will add approximately just over an inch, so if you would like to add extra length, add extra rows of st. st. here. End with a purl (WS) row.

Next 2 rows: knit

Next row: k2 [double yarn over, k2tog] to end

Next row: knit, knitting only the first loop of the double yarn overs and dropping the second loop off the needle

Repeat these 4 rows 1 time. Bind off all stitches.

Sleeves

Join yarn with left sleeve, starting with a RS row:

Row 1: purl

Row 2: knit

Row 3: BO in knit stitch, leaving an extra long tail to seam the underside of the sleeve with.

Repeat for right sleeve.

FINISHING

Seam underside of sleeves.

Single crochet along the two front edges of cardigan opening.

Weave in all ends.

Take a wide ribbon and thread it through the eyelets in the bottom row of yarn overs. Loop the ends of the ribbon twice through the yarn overs at the shrug's front edge to secure them, then pull them tight and tie in the front. You're all done!



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