

Soy Silk Shrug

Size: 34, (36, 38, 40, 42) chest

Yarn: 3 skeins South West trading Company, Phoenix, 100% Soy Silk

Needle: US 10 & US10.5 circular needle.

Gauge: 17 sts = 4 inches, 21 rows = 4 inches

Notions: Waste yarn, Tapestry needle, 4 stitch markers



Start at Neck:

With size 10 needle, Cast on 66sts.

Work K2, P2 ribbing for 12 rows.

Switch to size 10.5 needle.

Divide sts as follows:

Left front: 11 sts, PM, Left arm: 11 sts, PM, Back: 22 sts, PM, Right arm: 11 sts, PM, Right front: 11 sts.

Raglan increase:

RS: K11 (yo, K5, yo, K1, yo, K5, yo) k22, (yo, K5, yo, K1, yo, K5, yo) K11. (74 sts)

WS: Purl to end.

This is a pattern that will increase 4 sts across each arm to grow the sleeve.

Variation: Try other placements of the mid-arm yo's to create your own lace design.

Repeat this increase until 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) inches from beginning of increases.

Example: For size 38" bust: repeat this increase 21 more times (242 sts) – about 8" from beginning of increases.

If you want to make this larger or smaller, the amount of increases will vary. Hold your knitting over your shoulder to make adjustments.

RS: K across 33 sts, put 55 arms sts on waste yarn stitch holder, cast on 5 sts, K across 66 back sts, 55 arms sts on waste yarn stitch holder, cast on 5 sts, K remaining 33 right front sts.



Count your sts, you need the number to be divisible by 4, +2 so that the ribbing comes out right. Make adjustments to your stitch count if necessary.

Purl across back. (~142 sts for size 38)

Continue working body until about 3" from arm hole, or desired length.

With size 10 needle, Work 12 rows of k2, p2 ribbing to finish of edge.

Bind off very loosely.

Arm:

With size 10 needle, transfer 55 arm stitches from holder to needles.

K 55 sts, cast-on 5 sts. (60sts)

(if adjustment is made, this number needs to be divisible by 4 for the ribbing pattern)

Join to work in the round using magic loop method or switch to DPNs.

Work 6 rows of K2, P2 ribbing.

Bind off very loosely.

Repeat for other arm.

Weave in tails. Add a closure, a ribbon or a button for example.

Washing Instructions: Hand wash in cool water as needed. Lay flat to dry and block.

Appendix:

K: Knit

P: Purl

PM: Place marker

Yo: Yarn Over

Sts: Stitches

Variation on sleeve increase:

Instead of placing 2 increases in the middle of the sleeve, try moving the position of the YOs. Here is an example.

