

Jenessa's Drop Stitch Shrug

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Swatch-Knit By Oma Englund

A hot fashion accessory that used to be Grandma's bed jacket...but we won't tell them! I whipped this one out in a couple of evenings for my teen niece. It would probably be most acceptable in black or something sparkly! It's easy and fast and fits most teen girls through young adults. But it's adaptable to your gauge.



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Materials:

I used worsted weight yarn and size 8 dpns and 10 straight needles. This pattern makes sleeves to just below the elbow, but you can make them any length. Measure your teen!

A little aside: If you are making this as a surprise gift, ask for her height. This is the same measurement as she is from fingertip to fingertip with her hands out at each side. Subtract 12 inches (length of two hands) and you have the length the shrug needs to be.

Gauge:

On #9 needles with worsted weight "Soft Creations" yarn from Wal Mart my gauge was 3 stitches to the inch and about 3 rows to the inch in the pattern stitch. I would recommend that you do a swatch with your own yarn as this is a generic pattern that you can size to suit your yarn and the wearer. This is especially important with the drop stitch, as it reacts differently with different yarns.

Instructions:

On the dpns cast on 32 stitches. Place marker to mark first stitch.

Cuff: k2 p2 ribbing for 2 inches.

Next row: Increase one stitch every 8 stitches.

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Begin drop stitch thus:

Row 1: *yo k1* around.

Row 2: *drop yo, k1* around.

Repeat these two rows ending with row 2 until piece measures 12 inches from CO (or measurement needed for your sleeve length).

Continue working drop stitch thus:

Row 1: *yo, k1* to marker, turn.

Row 2: *drop yo, p1*

Repeat these two rows for 20 inches. (Change to straight needles as soon as your work flattens enough. You don't have to change needles but it's less awkward.)

At end of 20 inches, knit back onto dpns and join in a tube again knitting sleeve length to match first.

1st decrease: knit 2 together 8 times evenly.

2nd decrease: knit 2 together 8 times evenly.

Cuff: k2 p2 for 2 inches.

Bind off.

Tuck in ends.

You're done.

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