

Bella's Lace Shrug

Description: Simple lace knit rectangle shrug with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves. Perfect for summer evenings.



Gauge: varies depending on the yarn used. Be sure to make a swatch. I used Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo which is 22sts = 4" on 4mm needles.

Needles: 6mm

Required measurements:

- across the back from shoulder to shoulder
- shoulder to armpit length x 2
- length from shoulder to mid-forearm

Lace Pattern: multiple of 6 stitches

RS: K3, (YO, K3tog, YO, K1)* repeat to last 3 stitches, K3

WS: P3, (YRN, P3tog, YRN, P1) * repeat to last 3 stitches, P3

Special Notation:

RT: Knit into the front of the second stitch on the left hand needle. Then knit into the front of the first stitch on the left hand needle. Slip both stitches off the needle. This should switch the position of the two stitches.

Instructions:

Using a long-tail cast-on method, cast on 66 sts

Work 8 rows in K2, P2 ribbing

With RS facing for next row, work both rows of the lace pattern until the piece measures twice the length of the shoulder to armpit depth ending with RS facing for next row.

Twist row: This row is necessary to make the transition into the ribbing match the other end of the garment.

RS: K2, P2, (RT, P2)* repeat to the last 2 stitches, K2

Work 7 more rows in K2, P2 ribbing beginning on the WS and ending with the RS facing for next row.

Cast-off: Using the Elizabeth Zimmerman's Sewn Bind-off method, cast off all of the stitches. I use this method of binding off so that it is as stretchy as the long-tail cast on making the garment nearly identical top to bottom.

Break off a length of yarn approx. 3 x the width of the garment and thread it through a darning needle.

* Insert the needle into the first two stitches as if to purl and draw the yarn through. Do not remove the stitches from the needle. Insert the needle into the first stitch as if to knit, pull the yarn through and slip the stitch off. Repeat from * to end.

Finishing:

Using the mattress stitch, sew A& B together and C&D together until the length of the sleeve is slightly less than measured. The resulting unbound area should measure slightly larger than the width of the back.

A (sleeve)	Ribbing	C (sleeve)
	Back opening	
B (sleeve)	Ribbing	D (sleeve)