



## SIMPLE KNIT SHRUG PATTERN

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### Skills required

Stockinette stitch (Purl odd rows, Knit even rows)  
Increase & decrease  
Optional single crochet border

### Yarn

4-6 skeins of Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (worsted weight yarn). Knit with double strands throughout.

### Needles

US 13 (9mm) circular knitting needles  
Size J crochet hook (optional border)

### Gauge – take time to check your gauge.

8 stitches = 4" (10 cm)  
12 rows = 4" (10 cm)

### Approximate Measurements - Size S (M, L)

Sleeve to sleeve length: 54" (57", 60")  
Widest part (back): 18" (19", 20")

### Abbreviations

**K** knit **P** purl **st(s)** stitch(es) **sc** single crochet  
**k2tog** knit next 2 sts together [1 st decreased]  
**ssk** slip 2 sts knitwise, then knit them together [1 st decreased]

### Sleeve 1

Cast on 20 (22, 24) sts

Row 1: (WS) Purl

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Purl

Row 6 (Increase Row): Knit in the front and back of the first and last stitch of this row = 22 (24, 26) sts.

Repeat these 6 rows 8 (9, 10) more times (**or until you get the desired length sleeve YOU want.**)

Continue in Stockinette stitch for 6 more rows. (end on Knit row)

Attach a safety pin or other marker, or tie a piece of contrasting color yarn on each end of this row to mark back beginning.

### Back

(WS) Continue in Stockinette stitch for 54 (57, 60) rows (**or as many as needed to cover YOUR back.**) Attach a safety pin or other marker, or tie a

piece of contrasting color yarn on each end of this row to mark the beginning of the second sleeve.

### Sleeve 2

Row 1: (WS) Purl

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Purl

Row 6 (Decrease Row): k2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, ssk.

Repeat this 8 (9, 10) more times.

Continue in Stockinette stitch for 5 more rows. (End on Purl row. Cast off.

### Finishing:

Pin to measurements and block. Sew sleeve seams from place markers to the ends. Weave in any ends.

### Optional Border:

With J crochet hook and double strands of yarn, pick up and single crochet all of the back piece stitches. Approx 100 (106, 112) SC around once more and bind off. Weave in ends.



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The  $\frac{3}{4}$  length small sleeve shrug about 3 equal parts.

Approximate measurements - Size S (M, L): Sleeve length: 19" (21", 23") | Widest part (back): 18" (19", 20")

**SLEEVE 1:** Get your stitch counter and use this table to keep track of your progress. Odd rows = purl. Even rows = knit.

Row	Small		Medium		Large	
	Stitches	Inches	Stiches	Inches	Stitches	Inches
1-5	20	10	22	11	24	12
6 (1 <sup>st</sup> increase)	22	11	24	12	26	13
12 (1 <sup>st</sup> repeat)	24	12	26	13	28	14
18 (2 <sup>nd</sup> repeat)	26	13	28	14	30	15
24 (3 <sup>rd</sup> repeat)	28	14	30	15	32	16
30 (4 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	30	15	32	16	34	17
36 (5 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	32	16	34	17	36	18
42 (6 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	34	17	36	18	38	19
48 (7 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	36	18	38	19	40	20
54 (8 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	38	19	40	20	42	21
60* (Small)	38	19	42 (rep 9)	21	44	22
66* (Medium)			42*	21	46 (rep 10)	23
72* (Large)					46*	23

\*Place a safety pin or tie a piece of yarn to the stitch on each end of this row to mark the opening (Begin of back).

**BACK:** (WS) Start stitch counter at zero and do 54 (58, 62) rows for the back piece (or however many you need to fit YOUR back). End on Knit row. Place a safety pin or tie a piece of yarn on each end of this row to mark the opening.

**SLEEVE 2:** Set stitch counter back to zero and keep track of your decreases, continuing in stockinette stitch:

Row	Small		Medium		Large	
	Stitches	Inches	Stiches	Inches	Stitches	Inches
*0-5	38	19	42	21	46	23
6 (1 <sup>st</sup> decrease)	36	18	40	20	44	22
12 (1 <sup>st</sup> repeat)	34	17	38	19	42	21
18 (2 <sup>nd</sup> repeat)	32	16	36	18	40	20
24 (3 <sup>rd</sup> repeat)	30	15	34	17	38	19
30 (4 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	28	14	32	16	36	18
36 (5 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	26	13	30	15	34	17
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48 (7 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	22	11	26	13	30	15
54 (8 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	20	10	24	12	28	14
60 (Small)	20	10	22 (9 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	11	26	13
66 (Medium)			22	11	24 (10 <sup>th</sup> repeat)	12
72 (Large)					24	12

\*Attach a safety pin or contrast piece of yarn to each end to mark the end of the back and beginning of second sleeve.