

Diamond Rib Lace Shrug (bolero)



Materials:

1 skein fingering weight yarn

Size 6 needle

Gauge is not important. Make the shrug the dimensions you need to fit you.

Diamond rib pattern:

Multiple of 9 + 2

Row 1 (RS): p2 *k2tog, [k1, yo] twice, k1, sl1, k1, pss0, p2; rep from * to end

Row 2 and every even row: k2, *p7, k2; rep from * to end

Row 3: p2, *k2tog, yo, k3, yo, sl1, k1, pss0, p2; rep from * to end

Row 5: p2, *k1, yo, sl1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, p2, rep from * to end

Row 7: p2, *k2, yo, sl1, k2tog, pss0, yo, k2, p2; rep from * to end

Row 8: rep row 2

Rep rows 1-8

Here is what worked for me:

I cast on 74 using the long-tail cast-on.

The first row was the wrong-side row because I wanted the nicer cast-on edge to be on the right side so I k2, *p7, k2 (repeat from * to end) across the row.

Then do row 1-8 of the Diamond Rib pattern until you reach the dimension you need. I did 9 pattern repeats and it measured approximately 11 inches. I bound off on the right side following the ribbed pattern (bind off the knit stitches knitwise and the purl stitches purlwise)

Be careful when blocking as my first attempt ended up much too big. My second attempt I gently steamed the shrug rather than wet-blocking.

This shrug was made for my very tiny daughter and I knit average. If I was making it for anyone else, I would probably have to increase both width and

length, which is easily done with this pattern as you are just knitting a rectangle.

Sew in sleeve by putting the long edges together and sewing on the long edge to fit the wearer (indicated by the yellow lines). We only needed to sew in about an inch.



My inspiration came from the Ribbed Lace bolero by Kelly Maher but by the time I had finished, I had changed needle size, dropped the ribbing and did a very different lace pattern.

The Diamond Rib pattern I found first in *The Harmony Guide lace and eyelets* edited by Erika Knight, Interweave Press. It is also found various places on the internet.

