

DOUBLE WINK SHRUG

This is a simple pattern for all skill levels, and one that will make you feel like a million when you wear it! The shrug will add that special touch to all your outfits in all seasons. It will accessorize a dress for that special occasion and will look equally stunning worn with a turtleneck or jewel neck sweater and jeans.

The color choices you select for your yarns will help to determine the season. But remember, we are wearing a brighter palate of colors year round. You'll find this pattern so easy and you'll receive so many "winks" that you'll want to make one in all the possible color combinations.

The shrug is knit in one piece beginning with the back. You will shape the neck by knitting across the back to a point, then binding off stitches to form the neck and then continuing to knit the remaining stitches. The stitches on either side of the neck edge create the fronts of the shrug which you will knit to match the length of the back. The finishing will allow you to create armholes and a button closure.

SKILL LEVEL: all levels

SIZES:

S-M [L-XL]

Finished Garment Measurements:

S-M: 36-40" depending on button placement/length from shoulder to lower edge is 12 1/2"

[Large-Xlarge: bust- 40-44" depending on button placement/ length from shoulder to lower edge is 12 1/2"]



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MATERIALS:

In total you will use 4 different Dark Horse yarns for this shrug, though all 4 will not be used at the same time:

- FLAG 14[16] ball[s]
- TRACK 1 [2] ball[s]
- METAL WINK 1 [2] ball[s]
- WINK 1 [2] ball[s]
- Size 15 knitting needles
- Size I crochet hook
- One button about ¾” to complement the color or character of your shrug or you may use 2 smaller buttons. I encourage you to use round buttons with smooth edges as the buttonhole will be formed by pushing the button through the stitches.

STITCH PATTERN:

The garter stitch [all rows are knit].

GAUGE:

5 sts. = 1”

5rows = 1”

SHRUG:

Back:

Beginning at the lower back with one strand of FLAG and one strand of TRACK:

- Cast on 55 [65] stitches and knit in garter stitch until piece measures 2 ½ “
- On next row increase 1 stitch in every 13th stitch across the row for a total of [60] 70 stitches [5 additional stitches added to original cast on]
- With 60 [70] stitches on needle, add a second ball of **FLAG** to existing yarns
- You will now knit with 2 balls of FLAG and one ball of TRACK until entire pieces measures 10 ½” from the beginning
- When piece measures 10 ½ “ you will begin to shape the neck

Neck shaping:

- Continuing with same three yarn strands knit 20 [23] sts., bind off with even tension next 20 [24]sts., knit next 20 [23] sts. to the end of the row



Fronts:

- Drop the strand of TRACK yarn
- You will knit both fronts at the same time on the same needle
- You will carry TWO sets of yarn each set will have 4 balls
- Each set will consist of:
 - 2 balls of FLAG
 - 1 ball of WINK
 - 1 ball of METAL WINK
- Place each ball of yarn in a small zip top bag closing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the top allowing the yarn to be pulled easily through the remaining opening
- Place all four yarn bags in a large zip bag again leaving a portion of the top open to allow all strands of yarn to be pulled easily
- If you arrange this set-up of yarns for each front I can assure you that your knitting will progress with ease and most importantly it ensures that each front will be exactly the same length when measured against the back
- If this presents just too much stress for you then you can work one front at a time still carrying 4 yarns for each front
- Continue in garter stitch with 4 yarns on each front until piece measures the same as the back 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
- Bind off each front with an even tension

Edging the entire piece:

- Using 1 strand of FLAG, 1 strand of Metal Wink and 1 strand of Wink
- Do a half double crochet with an I hook gently around all edges EXCEPT the neck edge
- Using 2 strands of FLAG do a half double crochet with an I hook around the neck edge only
- The half double crochet will ensure that your shrug has a nice evenness on all edges

FINISHING:

At this point try your shrug on to see where you want to sew the button on the left front, using a group of stitches as the buttonhole. You will cross the right front over the left to the extent you wish. If one is smaller in the bust you may have a greater criss-cross effect than one is larger in the bust. This shrug will complement either body type.



Using smooth clothespins have someone help you mark what will become the armhole and the side seam of the shrug. You want to have a fine seam only. If there is more fabric or you want it to be more fitted, then make your criss-cross in the front deeper. It is your choice how long the side seam should be. I suggest at least a 2” seam or the armhole may seem too wide.

HINTS:

If after you sew the side seams and arrange the front buttons, the armhole still seems too wide go around entire armhole edge with one strand of FLAG and a needle for seams doing a very gentle running stitch ½” in from outer edge.

If you want a “neater” look to the edging of this shrug you can very carefully trim the stray hairs of the WINK and METAL WINK around all edges of the shrug, leaving the natural fibers on the two fronts.

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