



Open Front Shrug

This knit lace pattern shrug is the sweater you'll turn to for versatile good looks whatever the occasion. We've made it in a softly shaded yarn with a bit of sparkle.

Designed by Alice Tang.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X and 2X are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust 34 (38, 42, 46, 50)"

Finished Bust: 40 (44, 50, 54, 58)", not including bands

Finished Length: 20", from back neck, not including bands.

RED HEART® Boutique™ Midnight™: 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) balls 1939 Whisper.

Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9] circular needle, 29" or longer
Stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in Zigzag Lace pattern.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitches

M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and work strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, [knit or purl as indicated by pattern st].

ssk = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these stitches together through back loop.

Pattern Stitches

2 x 2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1: *K2, p2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts across.
Repeat Row 2 for 2x2 Rib.

Zigzag Lace (multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1 (Right Side): *Yo, ssk, k2; repeat from * across.

Row 2 and all Wrong Side rows: Purl.

Row 3: *K1, yo, ssk, k1; repeat from * across.

Row 5: *K2, yo, ssk; repeat from * across.

Row 7: *K2, k2tog, yo; repeat from * across.

Row 9: *K1, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * across.

Row 11: *K2tog, yo, k2; repeat from * across.

Row 12: Purl.

Repeat Rows 1–12 for Zigzag Lace.

Notes

1. Shrug is worked back and forth in rows on circular needle, as if working on straight needles.
2. Shrug is knit sideways, from cuff to cuff.
3. Stitches are picked up across outer edges to work ribbed band.
4. Size of shrug can be customized, to create longer or shorter sleeves. Work more or fewer rows of the pattern, taking care to end with a Row 6 or Row 12 of pattern.

SHRUG

Right Sleeve

Beginning at right cuff, cast on 28 (30, 32, 34, 36) sts. Work in 2x2 Rib for 10 rows. **Note:** For sizes Medium and 1X, the first row of ribbing will begin and end with K2.

Next Row (WS): Purl.



Shape Sleeve

Row 1 (Right Side): K2 (1, 2, 1, 2), place marker, work Row 1 of Zigzag Lace to last 2 (1, 2, 1, 2) sts, place marker, k2 (1, 2, 1, 2). Keeping 2 (1, 2, 1, 2) sts at each end in Garter st (knit every row), work in Zigzag Lace for 5 (4, 4, 3, 3) rows.

Next Row (Increase): K1, M1, knit to marker, slip marker, work next row of Zigzag Lace across to marker, slip marker, knit to last st, M1, k1—30 (32, 34, 36, 38) sts. Repeat last 6 (5, 5, 4, 4) rows 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) more times, move the markers back to 2 (1, 2, 1, 2) sts from each end every time 4 increase rows have been completed, to incorporate the increased sts into the Zigzag Lace pattern—52 (56, 60, 64, 68) sts.

Work even in pattern as established until sleeve measures about 18" from beginning; end with a Right Side row.

Body

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Knit to marker, slip marker, work next row of Zigzag Lace to next marker, remove marker, knit to end of row, cast on 36 (34, 32, 30, 28) sts (for right front)—88 (90, 92, 94, 96) sts. **Note:** Designer recommends backward loop or cable cast on. Ensure that Zigzag Lace pattern lines up as previously.

Row 2: K2 (4, 4, 2, 2), place marker, work next row of Zigzag Lace to next marker, remove marker, knit to end of row, cast on 36 (34, 32, 30, 28) sts (for back)—124 sts.

Row 3: K2 (4, 4, 2, 2), place marker, work next row of Zigzag Lace to next marker, slip marker, knit to end of row. Work even in pattern as established until body measures 2 (3, 4, 5, 5½)" from body cast-on; end with a Wrong Side row. Remove markers when working last row. From here on, maintain Zigzag Lace as established keeping at least 1 st at each edge in Garter st throughout.

Shape Right Front

Row 1 (Decrease Row – Right Side): K1, k2tog, work in pattern as established to end of row—123 sts. Place marker at beginning of this row for right hand edge. Continue in pattern as established, and AT THE SAME TIME decrease 1 st at right hand edge every 3rd row 2 times, every other row 6 times, and then every row 9 times—106 sts.

Row 29: Bind off 44 sts, work in pattern as established—62 sts.

Shape Right Neck

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Work in pattern as established.

Row 2: K1, k2tog, work in pattern as established to end of row—61 sts.

Rows 3–6: Repeat last 2 rows twice—59 sts. Work even in pattern as established for 14 (14, 18, 18, 20) rows.

Shape Left Neck

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Work in pattern as established to last st, M1, work last st—60 sts.

Row 2: Work in pattern as established.

Rows 3–6: Repeat last 2 rows twice—62 sts.

Shape Left Front

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Work in pattern as established across, cast on 44 sts—106 sts.

Work in pattern as established and AT THE SAME TIME increase (M1) 1 st on right hand edge every row 9 times, then every other row 6 times, then every 3rd row 3 times—124 sts.

Work even in pattern as established until left front measures 7½ (8½, 9½, 10½, 11¼)" from left front cast-on; end with a Wrong Side row.

Left Sleeve

Row 1 (Right Side): Bind off 36 (34, 32, 30, 28) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row—88 (90, 92, 94, 96) sts.

Row 2: Repeat last row—52 (56, 60, 64, 68) sts.

Work in pattern as established until sleeve measures 1½, 2½, 1½, 3½, 2½)" from sleeve bind-off.

Work in pattern as established and, AT THE SAME TIME decrease 1 st at each end every 6th (5th, 5th, 4th, 4th) row 12 (13, 14, 15, 16) times—28 (30, 32, 34, 36) sts.

Work even until sleeve measures same as right sleeve to rib, end with a Wrong Side row.

Work in 2x2 Rib for 10 rows.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block piece to schematic measurements.

Lower Back Edging

With Right Side facing, pick up 76 (84, 96, 104, 108) sts evenly spaced across lower back edge.

Work in 2x2 Rib for 13 rows. Bind off.

Front Edging

With Right Side facing, beginning at lower right front corner, pick up 204 (212, 220, 228, 236) sts evenly spaced up front edge, around neck edge, and down opposite front edge to lower left front corner. **Note:** Designer recommends picking up 3 sts over every 4 rows or stitches, and picking up 1 st in every row or stitch across curves plus 1 additional stitch in every 3rd row or stitch. Work in 2x2 Rib for 13 rows.

Bind off. Bind off curves loosely and neck tightly.

Fold piece. Sew side and sleeve seams. Steam very lightly to shape, avoid direct heat on ribbing.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

