

SPRING CHICKEN

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LIGHT AND AIRY GEOMETRIC SHRUG IDEAL FOR EFFORTLESS LAYERING. WITH A GENEROUS AMOUNT OF EASE, THIS GARMENT WILL FIT A VARIETY OF BODY SHAPES.



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ABBREVIATIONS

k1tbl - knit one stitch through the back loop

p1 - purl one

K2togtbl - knit two stitches together through the back loop. One stitch decrease.

backward loop - With your thumb, make a backward loop over the right knitting needle. Slip the loop onto the knitting needle and pull to tighten. One stitch increase.

PATTERN NOTES

Hold Feather together with Kidsilk Lace for the body of the garment.

OVERVIEW

YARN	1 skein Hedgehog Fibres Merino DK in Daydream - 200m/100g 1 skein Hedgehog Fibres Kidsilk Lace in Foam - 420m/50g 1 skein Hedgehog Fibres Feather in Egg Yolk - 620m/100g
NEEDLE	3.75mm and 7mm, circular needle, or size to obtain gauge.
GAUGE	22 stitches and 20 rows = 10cm in ribbing/3.75mm needle. 11.5 stitches and 18 rows = 10cm in stockinette in the round/7mm needle. Measurements taken after blocking - the ribbing and the body will relax and stretch a bit.
DIMENSIONS	38cm deep, 94cm wide laying flat. 188cm circumference.
TOOLS	Darning needle, stitch holders or waste yarn
SKILLS REQUIRED	Knitting in the round, Kitchener stitch
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INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on and ribbing:

Using Merino DK and 3.75mm needle cast on 460 stitches using German Twisted cast on.

Work 1x1 Twisted Rib for 7 rounds as follows: k1tbl, p1 around. Repeat 6 more times. Break Merino DK

Body:

Switch to Kidsilk Lace held together with Feather and 7mm needle. K2togtbl around - decreasing to 230 stitches.

Keep knitting in stockinette in the round until you are almost out of Kidsilk Lace - leave just a couple of metres to Kitchener the middle 90 stitches. See diagram. Break Kidsilk Lace and Feather.

Sleeves:

Starting with either side, using Merino DK and 3.75mm needle:

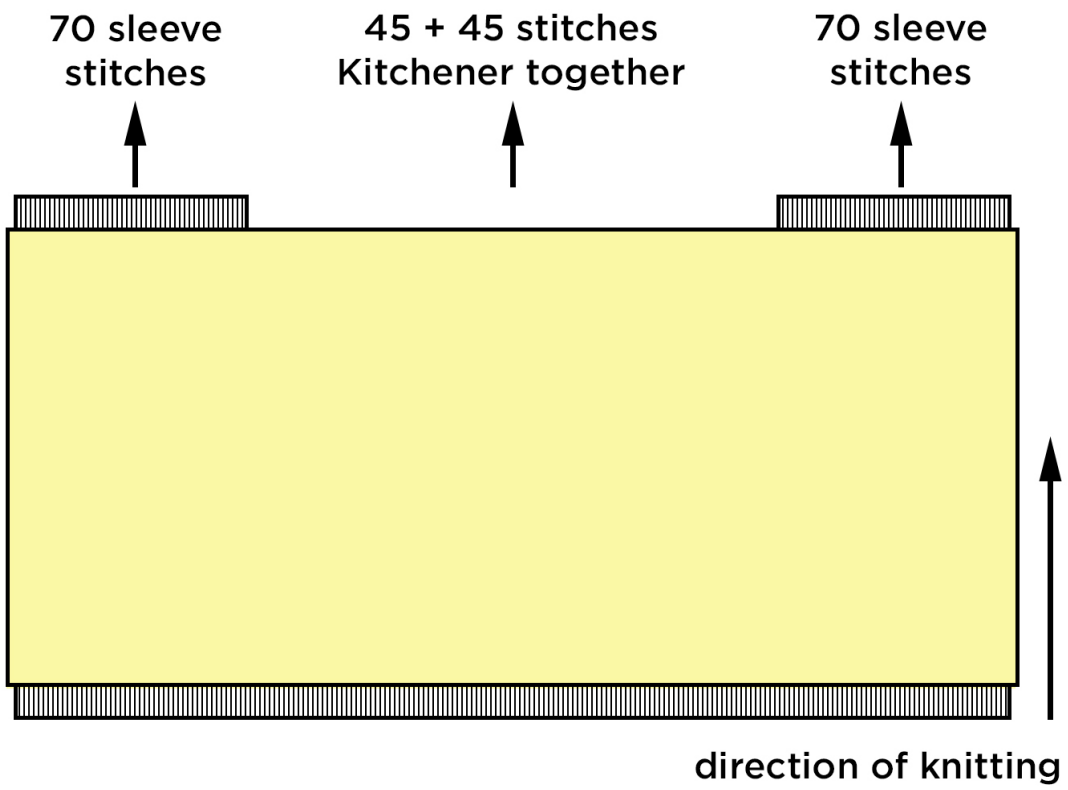
K1tbl, backward loop, repeat around. If you come across a gap where the sleeve joins the Kitchener pick up a stitch instead of backward loop to close the gap. Increase from 70 sleeve stitches to 140.

Continue in 1x1 Twisted Rib for 7 rounds as follows: k1tbl, p1 around. Repeat 6 more times. Break Merino DK

Repeat for other side.

Block lightly to smooth and even out the stitches.

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense, reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea. (We separate laundry, right?) To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch and finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.



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