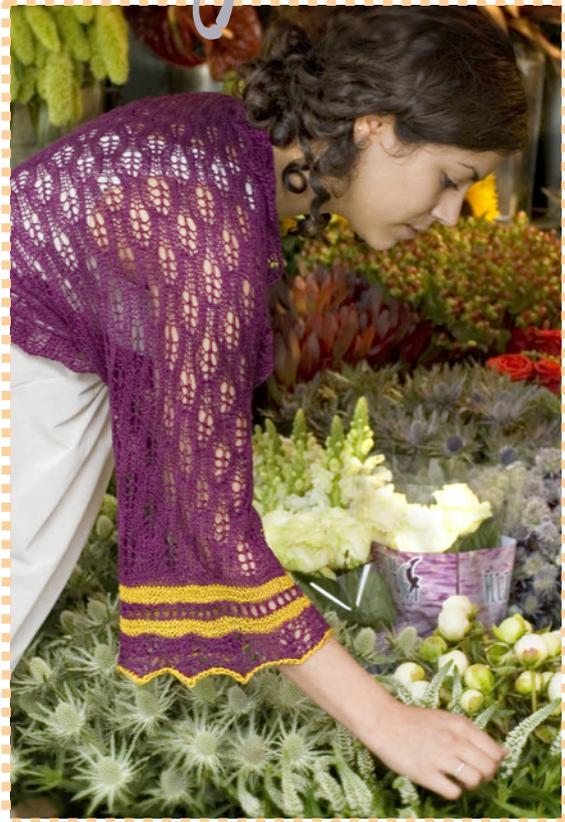


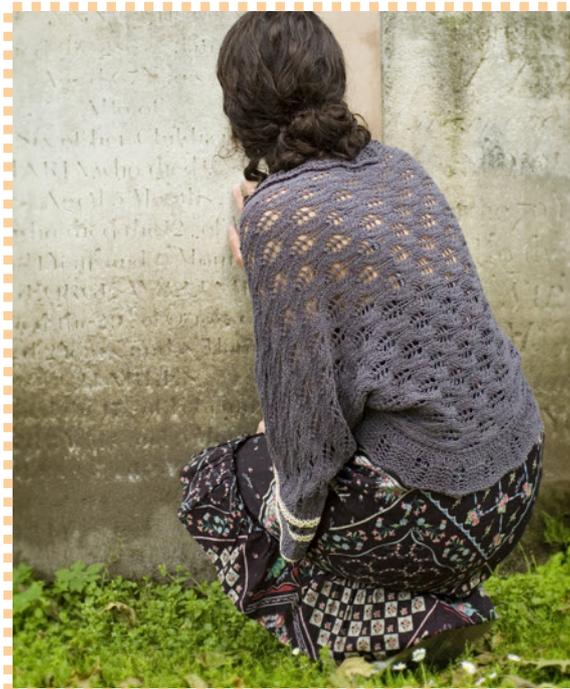
Layering Shrug



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I designed this shrug for easy, summer style. Originally, I made it in the [Jaipur](#) silk “Bollywood” version, as a decorative layer to cover shoulders in the skimpy-dress, summer months. But we’ve had such cool weather lately, I decided to make a practical version in BC Garn’s [Allino](#), a linen cotton blend yarn, using exactly the same pattern.

Although the yarns are very different weights ~ one a double knit, the other a lace-



weight, the pattern works equally well for either as they each have a great drape. The shrug is looser and lacier in the silk; sturdier and warmer in the linen.

I haven’t tried it yet, but I feel other versions coming on, in sock weight yarns. I’m dreaming of a moss version in [Madelinetosh](#) sock.

A draw string along the back neckline creates a face framing collar and provides some fit alteration. One size fits most.



Layering Shrug in Linen



Bollywood Layering Shrug

Linen Version

Yarn

BC Garn , [Allino](#) ~ 50/50 cotton/linen, dk, 50 gm = 124 m (136 yds)

- 5 balls colour 8, Charcoal Grey (colour A)
- 1 ball colour 4, Beige (colour B)

Needles

One set of circular needles 60cm long by 4mm: check your gauge! Also crochet hook, darning needle and scissors.

Gauge

10cm=19sts by 30rws

Bollywood Version

Yarn

BC Garn, [Jaipur](#) Silk Fino ~ 100% silk, laceweight, 50gm= 300m (328yds)

- 2 cones colour 25, purple (colour A)
- 1 cone colour 14, yellow ochre (colour B)

Needles

One set of circular needles 60cm long by 4mm: check your gauge! Also crochet hook, darning needle and scissors.

Gauge

10cm=23sts by 31rws

Note: Since this is a very open lace pattern, it is easiest to check gauge by knitting a square of about 30st x 34rws in stockinette stitch. Do not wash the swatch, simply iron it flat on the coolest setting, and measure gauge over 10cm square.

Provisional Cast-On

Make a provisional cast-on by chaining 100 sts in waste yarn with crochet hook. Pick up the 90sts cast-on sts from the back of chain loops. Remove crochet waste yarn when complete.

Elastic Cast Off

K1, * k1, transfer 2 sts back to holding needle, and k2tog through back loops* across.

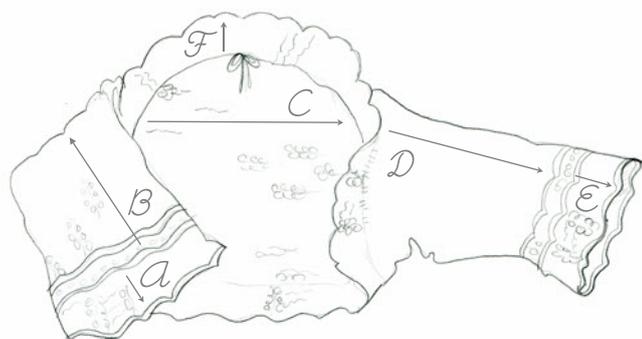
Slip With Yarn in Front (sl wyif)

Slipping the edge stitch with the yarn held in front will create an easy chain border to pick-up from later. Hold the yarn in front and slip the stitch as if to purl before bringing the yarn to the back to knit the next stitch.

Construction Summary

This shrug is worked with no seams to sew or graft after knitting. Both cuffs and the neck edge are worked from the top to hem so that they have the same edge scallop. The are worked in a garter stitch lace which is cast off using a doubled yarn to give them weight and so they look good on both sides of the knitting.

Begin with a temporary cast on and work the first cuff down to hem *A*. Then pick up the temporary stitches from the cuff cast-on and knit the sleeve in the round *B*. Cast-on garter edge stitches and continue knitting across the back flat *C*. Cast-off the garter stitches and continue second sleeve in the round *D*. Continue knitting the cuff *E* and cast-off. Pick up the neck stitches and knit lace neck border *F*.



Instructions

Cast on 90sts using provisional cast on method and colour A. Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Knit following Chart A. After the 12th row, cast off using doubled yarn B and elastic cast off.

Pick up the 90 stitches that were provisionally cast on, from the other side of the stitch (remove waste yarn) to continue knitting the sleeve in the round, following rows 1 to 16 of Chart B. Use colour B for yellow charted rows.

Continue in the round with chart C for 3 repeats (48 more rounds).

Begin following chart D: cast on 4 sts at the beginning and 3sts at the end of the next row using cable cast on and working the lace flat instead of in the round.

Repeat chart D, 9 times (144rws). Work rws 1-7 once more. Begin Row 8 by casting off 3 sts and purling

back across row. Turn the knitting to the right side and cast off 3 sts while returning to Chart C and working in the round. Knit the final stitch together with the first one of the next round to complete the decreases (90sts) and join in the round.

Continue Chart C in the round for 3 repeats.

Continue knitting sleeve, following Chart B using colour b for yellow rows. Work one repeat of Chart A. Elastic cast off with two strands of yarn B held together.

Sew the 3 garter edge stitches under each arm together, end to end.

Pick up 300sts (two in each chain edge minus 4 evenly spaced) along neck edge with yarn A. Work a 1x1 rib for 4 rws, followed by one repeat of Chart A. Elastic cast off with doubled yarn A.

To create the neckline collar and make the shrug adjustable, add a draw string to the back neckline as follows:

Find the centre back neckline and mark with a piece of waste yarn. Measure about 25cm down from the centre back on each side of the neckline, where the collar stitches were picked up, mark with waste yarn. If you are very petite you may like to begin the drawstring lower on the neckline than 25cm so that it can take up more ease.

Cut two pieces of yarn, about a metre long each. Thread one piece of yarn through a stitch at the 25cm mark. Pull it halfway through and bring the ends together so that it is doubled. Thread both ends in a darning needle. Weave in and out of the picked up stitches until it comes out of the centre back top. Repeat with the other strand of yarn. Trim and knot the ends of each doubled thread so that they can be tied in an adjustable bow at the back, inside neckline. Adjust the ease to your liking.



The back neckline drawstring

Chart A

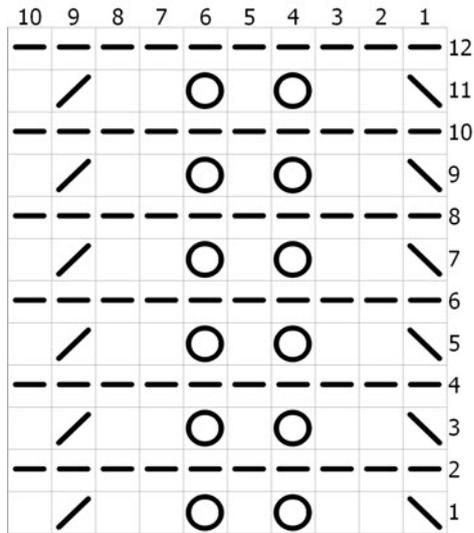


Chart B

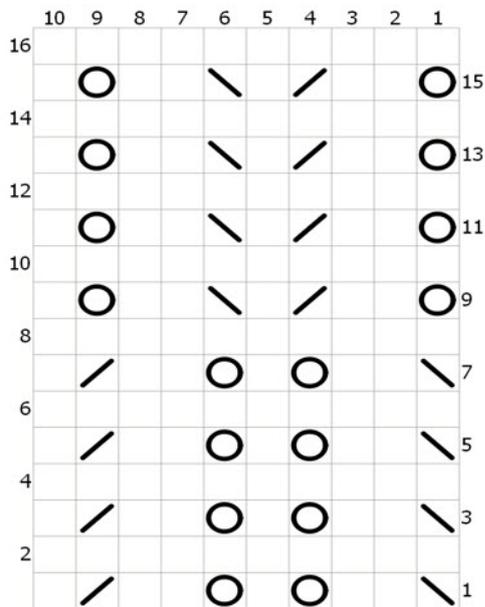
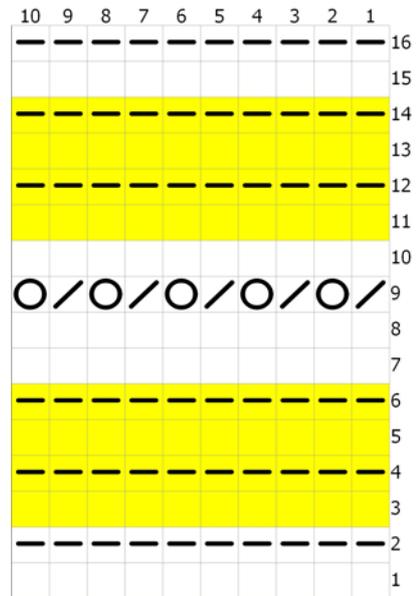


Chart C

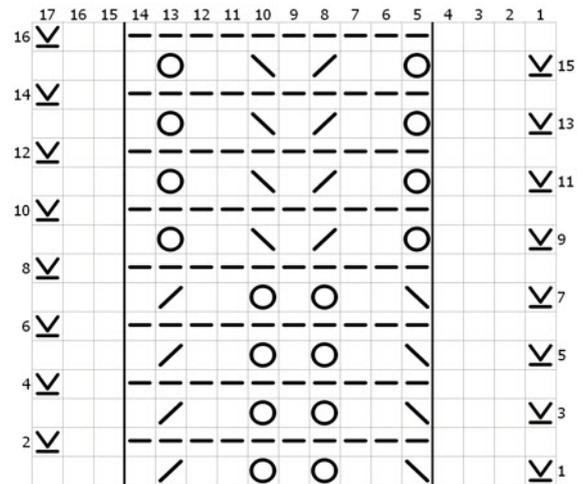


Chart D

Chart Symbols



Knit



Purl



Ssk= slip, slip, knit
sl sts tog



K2tog= knit 2
sts together



Yo= yarn over



Slwyif= slip with
yarn in front

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