

## Foldover Cropped Cardigan Shrug

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**Yarn:** Rowan Ribbon Twist, color mole (now discontinued) or any bulky weight yarn (5 balls for a small with cropped sleeves, more for other sizes and longer sleeves)

**Needles:** size 17 circular needles (29" and 12") or as necessary to get gauge

**Gauge:** 9 sts and 12 rows over 4"(inches) stockinette (or 4.5 sts for every 2")

**Sizing:** Totally customizable (see directions for formulas)

**Other Supplies:** Stitch Markers, scrap yarn, and a tapestry needle

**Findings:** A pin and ring closure

### Directions:

First, determine what your neck size is. Use a measuring tape to loosely measure neckline one inch below collar bone. Add 8" to this measurement for the foldover portion and calculate # of sts to cast on by using what we know about our gauge.

Example: My Neck size (16") + 8" = 24" total length We have 4.5 sts over 2" (9 sts over 4")

Total length/gauge length = total # of stitches/stitches per gauge length

24" total length/2" = x number of sts/4.5 sts for 2" =

24 (4.5) = 2 (x) = **54 sts to CO**

\*if the # you get is a fraction, round up to make it divisible by 2 to account for the rib pattern.  
E.g. 84.75 becomes 86

CO the # of sts on the 29" needle and knit in a k1p1 rib for 25 rows ending on a RS row. Next, we will split up the work to begin raglan shaping for the shoulders. This is again dependent on your size. I recommend following my example and drawing it out on a piece of paper.

The math: First subtract 9 sts from your total CO sts to remove our foldover flaps from the calculation. Take this # and divide it into 3 equal parts. The section in the direct center will become the back portion of the cardigan. Look at your work and figure out where this is (make sure you don't count the 9 sts on each side for the flaps). The sts on either side of the back portion will be the shoulders and chest that we will further divide in half.

Example: For me, I had 3 equal parts of 12 stitches (54 sts total minus 18 sts for the flaps = 36 sts). The back portion of my cardigan is the 12 center stitches. I divided the two sides in half for the shoulders and the chest into 6 stitches each portion

Flap -- |—chest (6 sts)—|—shoulder (6 sts)—|—back (12 sts)—|—shoulder (6 sts)—|—chest (6 sts)—| -- Flap

pm

pm

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pm

Now we will pm for the raglan shaping on this WS row. Continue in k1 p1 rib for 9 sts (for the flap) PLUS the # of sts you need for the chest then PM. Continue in the rib for the first shoulder and PM. Repeat for each section until you reach the end of the row for a total of 4 markers placed. Now we will begin increases for the shoulders within these PM.

Row 1 (RS). K1P1 until 2 sts before the marker. KFB and continue in rib until 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch after the marker, KFB... Repeat for each section, adding a stitch 2 stitches before and after each marker.

Row 2 (WS). Continue in rib for entire row without increasing.

\*\*Note that as you grow your shoulders with the increases on the RS, your rib won't be perfect unless you maintain the ribbed K1P1 pattern. Do this as best you can on each WS row by looking at where the increases fall in your rib pattern and determining whether to make each new st a K or P. As long as you maintain the pattern throughout, you will get a clean rib at the end.

Example: RS: K1 P1 (KFB) P1 PM .....rest of cardigan  
WS: ..... PM K1 (P1 P1) K1 P1 ← don't freak out because 2 P are next to each other  
RS: K1 P1 K1 (KFB) P1 PM.....  
WS: .....PM K1( P1 K1) P1 K1 P1 ← see in the end, we maintain the rib!

Continue with rows 1 and 2, increasing on each RS row until the shoulder sections are wide enough for your shoulders to comfortably fit into. You can just take a measurement of the circumference of your arm and make sure this # is less than the shoulder section, but I recommend slipping the stitches onto a piece of scrap yarn and actually trying on the garment. It's a pain, I know, but ensures the best fit. I made mine snug and fitted.



Neat increases for the shoulders and back

Place both shoulder sections on stitch holders and on the next row, continue in the rib across, ignoring the shoulder sections on holders to join. Continue in K1P1 rib for 10 more rows and BO loosely.

Knit each shoulder section as follows:

Place sts on holder on small circular needle and continue in K1P1 rib. Under arms, pick up 2 stitches in armpit to close hole left by joining the body and knit in the round until sleeve is desired length. BO. I only had enough yarn to do  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeves and I like them a lot, but this would be great in full length as well. Repeat for other shoulder

Block sweater and weave in ends. Close with a pin closure or wear open!



Viola!