

Japanese Alternating Leaf Stems Shrug

Alternating Leaf Stems stitch makes a lovely shrug, sure to complement that little black dress.

This stitch was part of the June 2013 New Stitch Package and can be found in your Pick-A-Stitch™ Digital Library under the Japanese Lacy stitches category.

Skill Level

Advanced beginner

Measurements

38" x 16" after blocking

Yarn

Ultra Alpaca by Berroco
50% Alpaca, 50% Wool
215 yards / 100 grams
1.6 skeins

Gauge

One pattern repeat; 24 sts x 32 rows = 6" wide and 5.75" tall, on US size 7 needles

Needles & Notions

US size 7 needles
US size 8 crochet hook
Tapestry needle

Shrug Instructions

Using size 7 needles, cast on 147 stitches. Knit the first and last stitch of every row (these two stitches are not shown on the chart or in the written instructions)

Odd numbered rows are right side.

Repeat rows 1 - 32 twice and Rows 1 - 28 once, or to desired width. Bind off.

Finishing.

Block shrug to designated measurements,

Fold shrug in half lengthwise, seam 4.75" from each end inwards to form sleeve.

With right sides facing and starting at a seam edge, stitch a single crochet in each stitch around shrug to stabilize opening edge.



Written Instructions

- Row 0 P1, * k1, yo, ssk, p6, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p6, k2tog, yo, k1, p1; rep from *.
- Row 00 * K1, p3, k6, p2, k1, p2, k6, p3; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 1 P1, * yo, k2, ssk, p5, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p5, k2tog, k2, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 2 * K1, p4, k5, p2, k1, p2, k5, p4; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 3 P1, * k1, yo, k2, ssk, p4, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p4, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, p1; rep from *.
- Row 4 * K1, p5, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, p5; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 5 P1, * k2, yo, k2, ssk, p3, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p3, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, p1; rep from *.
- Row 6 * K1, p6, k3, p2, k1, p2, k3, p6; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 7 P1, * k3, yo, k2, ssk, p2, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k2tog, k2, yo, k3, p1; rep from *.
- Rows 8, 10, 12 * K1, p7, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p7; rep from *, end k1.

- Row 9 P1, * yo, k2, ssk, k3, p2, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p2, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 11 P1, * k1, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, p1; rep from *.
- Row 13 P1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p2, yo, ssk, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, p1.
- Row 14 * K1, p6, k3, p2, k1, p2, k3, p6; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 15 P1, * k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k3tog, yo, p2, k2tog, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, ssk, p2, yo, sk2p, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p1; rep from *.
- Row 16 * K1, p2, k2, p1, k3, p3, k1, p3, k3, p1, k2, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 17 P1, * yo, ssk, p5, k2tog, k2, yo, p1, yo, k2, ssk, p5, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 18 * K1, p2, k5, p4, k1, p4, k5, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 19 P1, * k2tog, yo, p4, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k2, ssk, p4, yo, ssk, p1; rep from *.
- Row 20 * K1, p2, k4, p5, k1, p5, k4, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 21 P1, * yo, ssk, p3, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, p1, k2, yo, k2, ssk, p3, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 22 *K1, p2, k3, p6, k1, p6, k3, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 23 P1, * k2tog, yo, p2, k2tog, k2, yo, k3, p1, k3, yo, k2, ssk, p2, yo, ssk, p1; rep from *.
- Rows 24, 26, 28 * K1, p2, k2, p7, k1, p7, k2, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 25 P1, * yo, ssk, p2, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, p1, yo, k2, ssk, k3, p2, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 27 P1, * k2tog, yo, p2, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, yo, ssk, p1; rep from *.
- Row 29 P1, * yo, ssk, p2, yo, ssk, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, p1, (yo, ssk) twice, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from *.
- Row 30 * K1, p2, k3, p3, (k1, p2) twice, k1, p3, k3, p2; rep from *, end k1.
- Row 31 P1, * p1, yo, ssk, p2, yo, sk2p, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, k3tog, yo, p2, k2tog, yo, p2; rep from *.
- Row 32 * K1, p3, k3, p1, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p1, k3, p3; rep from *, end k1.



Abbreviations and Stitch Guide

k	knit
p	purl
yo	yarn over
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
k3tog	knit 3 sts together
ssk	slip 2 sts, one at a time, knitwise, insert left-hand needle into front of these 2 stitches and knit together
sk2p	slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over knit 2 together
rep	repeat

