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Easy Bolero Shrug (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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How cute is this? Perfect for Spring, Summer, or anytime of the year. Also great with a prom dress - or even a wedding dress! Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: https://youtube.com/naztazia And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: https://naztazia.com

Terminology:		
CH = Chain	DC = Double Crochet	RPT = Repeat
SLST = Slip Stitch	ST= Stitch	SK = Skip/Miss
SP = Space		

Size/Gauge:

34" width by 12" length excluding scalloped edging. 36" x 14" with scallops. This pattern has a customizable length and width. 17 stitches in (DC, CH) pattern = 4" 9 rows high = 4".

Materials:

Red Heart Anne Geddes Baby Yarn - [3] weight (DK) - 340 yds (310 m). Sample color: Taffy. XS/SM = 1 ball. M/L = 2 balls. XL/1X+ = 3 balls. Size H - 5 mm crochet hook (optional G - 4 or 4.25 mm hook for scalloped edging) Yarn needle. Scissors.

Instructions:

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Slipknot. CH an odd # of stitches. Sample used a semi-loose starting CH of 145, which measured 40" across. Note: this width will shorten and eventually stabilize around Rows 2-3 to around 34".

ROW 1: 1 DC in 5th CH from hook. RPT [CH 1. SK 1 CH and do 1 DC in next CH] across row.

ROW 2: CH 4 and turn work. 1 DC in adjacent CH SP, 1 CH, SK 1 DC. RPT [1 DC in next CH SP, 1 CH, SK 1 DC] across row. Measure your work to ensure it is of desired width. Sample is 34" across.

ROWs 3+: RPT Row 2 until desired height. Sample has a total of 27 rows, with a height of (without scalloped edging) 12".

Finish:

Fold rectangle in half so that the width is still 34" across. With a safety pin or other temporary fastener, pin 2" in from both outer edges. Try on the shrug. Measure and pin along the edge, until just under your arm pits. This will be how far inward you need to sew the sleeves. Sew both sleeves. Cut and weave in all ends or proceed with an optional edging.

Optional edging:

Open the shrug and connect your yarn with a SC in an inconspicuous spot, in the space between the two DCs, such as one of the sleeve's seams (near the armpit area).

RND 1: RPT [CH 3. SC in next SP] around. SLST to first SC. Try to end with an EVEN # of CH-3 loops around, since the next RND will require an even # of spaces.

RND 2: SLST into adjacent SP. CH 1. SC in same SP. RPT [5 TR in next SP. SC in next SP] around. Instead of last SC, SLST to first SC.

Cut and weave in all ends.