

Fern Shrug Cardigan

crochet pattern



Throw it on with a pair of jeans, leggings or a whimsical skirt, this versatile shrug cardigan will be your go-to cover up this spring! Perfect for the ambitious beginner, this shrug inspired cardigan is made using a main rectangle body and is spiffed up with long sleeves and a ribbed collar.



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Pattern Notes & Tips

- 01** **Yarn & Tools:**
- Lion Brand Heartland: 100% Acrylic | Weight: 4/Medium/ Worsted
 - Colors & Number of skeins:
 - Kings Canyon - x6(7, 7, 8, 8, 8) (1506, 1757, 1757, 2008, 2008, 2008 yards)
 - Hook: 6.00 mm
 - Tapestry Needle
 - Stitch Markers

- 02** **Gauge:**
Main rectangle: 4"x4" = 15 stitches x 14 rows

I encourage you to make a small rectangle swatch to be sure your gauge is correct. It's also a good idea to measure now and again and try on the cardigan as you go along. This will ensure your garment will fit right when it's done!

- 03** **Size:** This pattern is written in size XS/S with size S/M, M/L, L/XL, XL/2XL, 2XL/3XL following in parenthesis. The size can be easily modified by taking your measurements and adjusting the number of FHDC or rows. Use this sizing grid or the gauge above to determine your custom measurements. The model pictured is wearing size XS/S with a bust of 34".

Size	To Fit Bust Size	Rectangle Height # of Rows	Rectangle Length # of FHDC	Cardi Width - wrist to wrist	Cardi Length - shoulder to hem	# of Skeins Needed
XS/S	<32"-34	70	124	55"	24"	6
S/M	34"-36"	73	131	57"	26"	7
M/L	36"-40"	76	138	59"	28"	7
L/XL	40"-44"	79	145	61"	30"	8
XL/2XL	44"-48"	82	152	63"	32"	8
2XL/3XL	48"-52"	85	159	65"	34"	8

- 04** **Abbreviations used in this pattern:**
- ch - chain
 - st - stitch
 - sk - skip
 - fhdc - foundation half double crochet
 - sc - single crochet
 - hdc - half double crochet
 - FLO - front loop only
 - (...) x - repeat instructions indicated number of times



Pattern Notes & Tips cont...

- 05 Resources:** I have created a robust library of resources on my website: www.offthebeatenhook.com. These resources include video tutorials, quick reference cards (abbreviations, size conversion chart, etc), ultimate guides (to yarn, to hooks, etc). **Any stitch you will use in this pattern is demonstrated in a stitch tutorial video on my website.** Check out my resource library for lots of help and instruction!
- 06 Don't miss a free pattern!** Sign up on my website to be the first to know about new free patterns and printable resources - www.offthebeatenhook.com. Another great way to find out about fresh patterns and crochet goodness is to follow @offthebeatenhook on Instagram.
- 07 Artistry & Craftsmanship:** Crochet is an art and a science. Obviously certain rules must be followed to make the item look and work as it should, but YOU get to decide what makes it look and work as it should! I write my patterns just how I designed them to give you a clear direction, but at any time, I encourage you to follow your heart and ideas and let your inner artist be realized! We crochet because we love it, right? So, have fun!

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The Pattern

main rectangle

- The main rectangle is worked in rows, turning at the end of each row
- The turning chain does not count as a stitch
- Wrong side (ws) is where the beginning and ending tails are on the side of your dominant hand when the rectangle is laying flat
- Tip: the sc/hdc pairs are made into the sc from the previous row (versus the hdc)
- Feel free to adjust the size of the main rectangle to best match your body. Use the gauge and the size chart guide above to determine measurements.

Row 1: fhdc 124(131, 138, 145, 152, 159)

Row 2-70(73, 76, 79, 82, 85): ch 1, turn, (sk next st, sc and hdc in next st) repeat to end of row

Row 71(74, 77, 80, 83, 86): hdc in each st across **PHOTO**

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

seaming for arm holes

Lay the main rectangle flat with the wrong side facing up. The beginning and ending tails should be on the side of your dominant hand. Fold the rectangle in half hot-dog style (the longer sides together). **PHOTO 02**

Beginning from the folded crease edge, measure 4.5"(4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5)and place a stitch marker. You may want to place several stitch markers to be sure your seaming will be accurate. Repeat on other side. This measured area will not be seamed together and is now the opening to the sleeves. **PHOTO 03**

Beginning from the folded corners (the opposite side from where you began measuring at the crease), use a tapestry needle and seam the edge all the way up to the stitch marker. I recommend using the mattress stitch for seaming.

Unfold the rectangle and lay flat. **PHOTO 04** You can now see the rectangle forming the main body of the cardigan - the back, the front edges and the arm holes. Place a stitch marker where bottom front edge of the cardigan meets the back bottom of the cardigan **PHOTO 05 where the crochet hook is**. This is where you will begin crocheting the collar. At this point, I also place a stitch marker anywhere along the outside of the cardigan to mark the right side to avoid confusion before continuing.



collar

- The collar is made by crocheting turning rows of hdc through the front loop only, turning at the end of each row. This is what creates the ribbing.

Rejoin yarn at the bottom front edge where you placed your stitch marker in the previous step.

PHOTO 06

Row 1: hdc around the entire front opening of the cardigan, sl st to first st

Row 2-18: ch 1, turn, FLO hdc across, sl st to first st

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

sleeves

- The sleeves are crocheted directly onto the cardigan, using the same sc/hdc pair stitch as with the main rectangle
- The sleeves are made using turning rounds, slip stitching, chaining 1, and turning after each round
- Tip: the sc/hdc pairs are made into the sc from the previous row (versus the hdc)
- The sleeves should have approximately 40(42, 44, 46, 48, 50) stitches around based on the sleeve opening.
- Check the length of your sleeves as you near the end and add or subtract rows to achieve your desired length.

Rejoin yarn at the inside seam of the sleeve opening as shown in the circled area on **PHOTO 04**. This feels like a weird place to start the round, but starting here will ensure the seam is not on the front of your sleeve, but rather underneath.

Rnd 1: ch 1, make 40(42, 44, 46, 48, 50) hdc evenly around the opening, sl st to first st in round - (you may need to try a couple times to get these stitches placed evenly around)

Rnd 2-41(42, 43, 44, 45, 46): ch 1, turn, (sk next st, sc and hdc in next st) repeat to end of row, ending in the last st of Rnd 1, sl st to first st in round

Try on the sweater and be sure you are happy with the length of the sleeves. Fasten off and weave in ends.

You're done! Wrap yourself up in your cozy cardi and enjoy a job well done!



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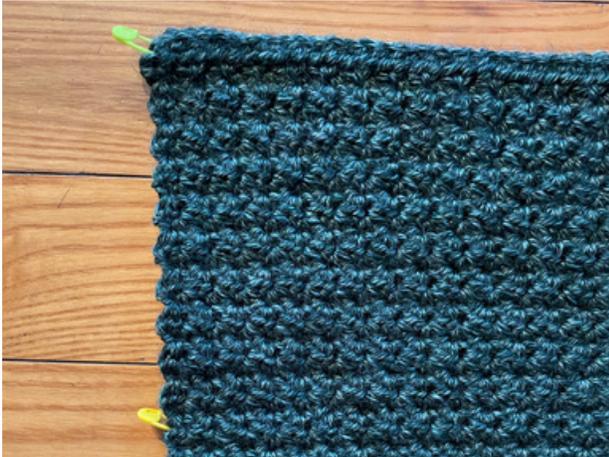
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Finished Photos

