

Almost Seamless Shrug

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Here is a perfect project for practicing short rows and invisible seaming techniques! This shrug can be finished with either the knit or the purl side as right side and can be worn with either the left or the right edge (see diagram) as the neck edge. If the left edge is worn at the neck, it shapes itself into a rolled collar; if the right edge is worn at the neck, the shrug fits as a collarless jacket with a slightly flared lower back. Cables or other textured stitches worked along both edges of the piece would encircle the finished garment.

Machine 4.5mm or 6.5mm. Silver Reed SK840 (4.5 mm) was used for model garment.

Level Advanced beginner

Finished Size 36-44" bust

Yarn Stacy Charles "Ritratto", fingering weight mohair novelty yarn, 50 g/198 yds per ball, 4 balls color #64. Finished weight 5.5 oz.

Gauge Stockinet, For standard gauge: SS 6, 21 sts/23 rows = 4 in

Pattern Notes

(1) Stockinet with model garment using purl side as right side.

(2) 50 and 100 needle gores are worked with short rows as follows: With carriage set to hold ndls in HP, hold all ndls except the first 10 (20) ndls on the carriage side. KWK. *Return next 10 (20) ndls opposite carriage to UWP, KWK.* Repeat * to ** 4 times. 50 (100) ndls in WP. Put 10 (20) ndls opposite carriage in HP. KWK five times until all ndls are in HP.

(3) All edges are finished with knitted-on I-cord. Set carriage to knit in one direction and slip in the other. Cast on 5 sts and knit 1 row. With the wrong side of the garment facing you, pick up an entire edge st of the garment and hang it on the edge needle of the I-cord. Work 2 more rows of the I-cord (4 passes of the carriage) and hang the 2nd or 3rd st along the garment edge onto the same needle. Continue working I-cord and hanging the edge of the garment, paying special attention that the band draws in and helps define the edge of the garment, rather than allowing it to stretch and flare.

Knitting Directions

With scrap, cast on 64 sts at right of zero and knit some rows. With COR, change to main yarn and knit to RC 60. Work first 50 st gore at right edge of garment as described above. RC 00. Knit to RC 42. With WY, cast on 64 sts at left of zero. 128 ndls working.

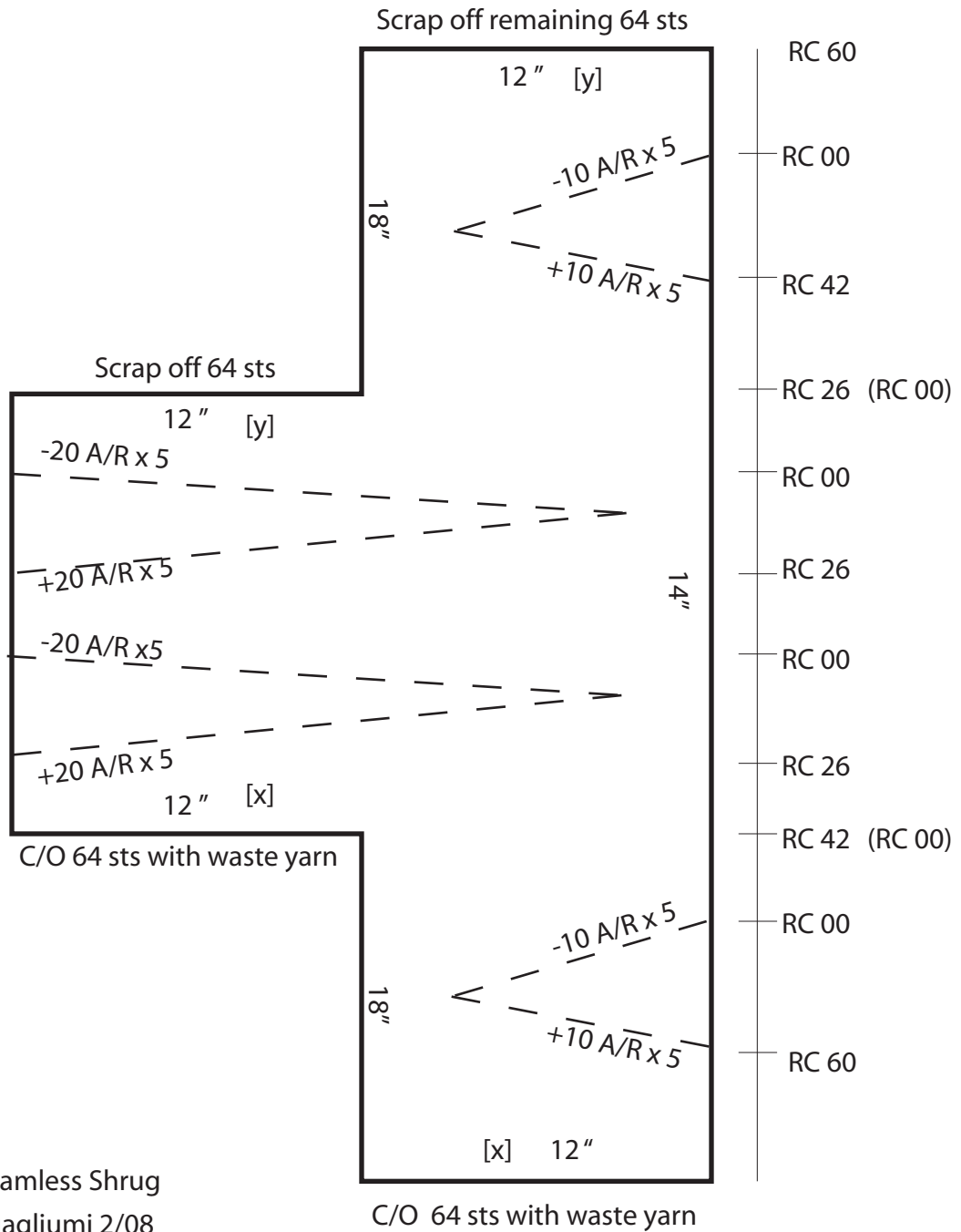
(RC 00 and COL. Knit to RC 26 then work 100 st gore at left edge as described above) twice. RC 00. Knit to RC 26. Scrap off the 64 sts to the left of zero. RC 00

and COR. Knit to RC 42. Work 50 st gore at right edge. RC 00. Knit to RC 60 and scrap off all 64 sts.

Finishing

Block piece to size. Graft both side seams with Kitchener stitch or seam of your own choice, joining x to x (both cast on edges) and y to y (both scrapped of edges). Choose purl or knit side as right side and work attached I-cord trim around entire garment and both armhole edges.

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