

# Hug Me

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A lacy shrug for preschool girls; one size, with notes on modifications needed for other sizes.

## Size

Fits girls aged approximately two to four. Approximate dimensions are 10" across the shoulders (measured with shoulders flexed forward), 8" upper arm circumference and top to bottom of back, and 6" sleeve length.

## Materials

Plymouth Dreambaby DK (50% microfiber, 50% nylon, 183yds/50gm), 1 skein  
US size 6 circular needle (used flat; any length that is comfortable), or size necessary to obtain gauge  
Tapestry needle

## Gauge

5.5 st/in in stockinette; approximately 3.33" across one repeat of feather-and-fan lace pattern

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## Notes

This pattern is knit in three pieces; the back is knit first as a rectangle, and then stitches are picked up along both sides for the sleeves. The sleeves are knit flat, working both at once from both ends of the skein, for maximum length from the yarn; each row should be worked across each sleeve before going on.

When executing the feather-and-fan pattern, note that there are three decreases at both the beginning and the end; where two or more repeats are adjacent, there will be a total of six decreases in a row.

S2KP: slip two stitches together knitwise (as if to k2tog), knit one, pass both slipped stitches over the new stitch and off the needle (as if binding off). Two stitches decreased.

## Lace Patterns

Feather and Fan: 18 sts, 4 rows

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: k2tog 3 times, (yo, k1) 6 times, k2tog 3 times

Row 4: knit

Eyelets: 5 sts, 4 rows

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: k1, YO, S2KP, YO, k1

Row 4: purl

## Directions

### *Back*

Loosely cast on 56 stitches.

Row 1: k3, \*p2, k2,\* repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, k3

Row 2: p3, \*k2, p2,\* repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, p3

Repeat these two rows twice more, for a total of 6 rows.

Row 7: Knit across

Row 8: Purl across

Row 9: k1, \*k2tog 3 times, (yo, k1) 6 times, k2tog 3 times,\* repeat from \* to \* two additional times, k1

Row 10: p1, k until 1 st remains, p1

Repeat these 4 rows until work measures 7" from cast-on edge, ending with a Row 10; example contains 11 repeats of these four rows.

Repeat rows 1-6.

Bind off loosely.

### *Sleeves (knit at same time)*

Row 1: Using one end of yarn, pick up 46 stitches from bottom edge to top edge of right selvedge of back piece. Using the other end of the yarn, pick up 46 stitches from top to bottom of left selvedge.

Row 2: Purl across (for this and all subsequent rows, repeat for both sleeves)

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Row 3: k1, YO, S2KP, YO, k1, \*k2tog 3 times, (yo, k1) 6 times, k2tog 3 times,\* repeat from \* to \* once more, k1, YO, S2KP, YO, k1

Row 4: p5, k until 5 sts remain, p5

Row 5: Knit across

Repeat rows 2-5 until sleeves are desired length, ending with a **Row 3** (approximately 10 repeats will use up most of skein).

Next row: Knit in front and back of every stitch. 92 sts.

Work in garter stitch (knit every row) until ruffle is desired length, and bind off. Leave long tails, approximately 18", for seaming, when breaking yarn.

### Finishing

Each sleeve edge has a single-stitch stockinette selvedge adjacent to a column of eyelets. Using the tails left at the end of the sleeve, mattress stitch the sleeve seam, taking stitches in the middle of this single stitch, so that only ½ stitch is consumed from each edge. Take care to match rows, so that the eyelets align.

Weave in ends.



### Resizing

This pattern is constructed for a little girl with a 10" shoulder width and 8" upper arm, although the pattern is stretchy enough to provide some leeway in those measurements and most children in the recommended age range will be able to wear it comfortably. The feather-and-fan pattern, slightly stretched, gives approximately 3-1/3 inches at this gauge, so 3 repeats make a 10" width, and then I have added one selvedge stitch to each side, which is consumed in picking up stitches for the sleeves. For the sleeves, three repeats is too much, but two repeats is a bit too little; therefore, I added two repeats of the 5-stitch eyelet pattern, which adds just under an inch for each repeat.

In determining the size you need to make, the shoulder width should be measured with the shoulders flexed forward, so the edge of the armhole does not bind when reaching forward. The length of the back is approximately equal to the circumference of the sleeves. The sleeve circumference should be measured around the widest part of the

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upper arm, and the sleeve length should be measured from the armpit to the desired point, along the underside of the arm.

Because each of the pieces is rectangular, resizing is fairly straightforward. To resize this pattern for a larger size, you have a number of choices:

- You could use a larger yarn. This pattern calls for a DK weight yarn, which knits up at 5.5 st/in in stockinette. Using worsted weight yarn at 5 st/in would give you roughly an extra inch across the back, and close to an extra inch in each sleeve; using chunky yarn at 4 st/in would give you approximately 14 inches across the back, and about an 11 inch sleeve, which would fit a slim teenager.
- You could add stitches to one or more of the lace repeats. Stitches can be added to the feather-and-fan pattern in groups of 6, by adding one k2tog to each side, and two (yo,k1) groups in the center; each group added will add about an inch to the width, and groups could be added to the central repeat only, the two outer repeats only, or all three, depending on how much additional width is needed. On the sleeves, where there are two repeats, if only one inch of additional width is desired, half of it can be added to each repeat, by adding a single (yo,k1) group to each repeat, and then adding one k2tog to the end of the first repeat, and one to the beginning of the second.
- You could subtract stitches from one or more repeats, but do more of them. Just as groups of 6 can be added, groups of 6 can be subtracted. Instead of three 18-stitch repeats, you could do one 18-stitch repeat, two 12-stitch repeats, and then another 18-stitch repeat, which would be about an inch wider.
- You could add strips of the eyelet pattern between repeats of the feather-and-fan pattern; each of these adds approximately 1 inch to the width. You could also, of course, add other lace patterns of your choice.

These are only suggestions, and there are other choices, or combinations of choices, such as using a smaller yarn but increasing the number of stitches and/or number of repeats, or using a slightly larger yarn to provide part of the increase and adding stitches to provide the rest.

You could also, of course, resize this pattern to be smaller, in a similar manner.



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