

Stay Strong Tote Crocheted Shrug Pattern

Size R crochet hook

650 yards of a lofty, bulky weight yarn

2 skeins Major by Universal Yarn (available at Love 2 Knit in East Greenwich, RI for those customers and fans of The Yarn Shop Girl Podcast.

Bulky weight, Acrylic, 328 yards per skein. US10 needle recommended

Other comparable yarn choices are Barcelona or Madrid by Loops and Threads, or Lion Brand Homespun. I frequently add a skein of Lion Brand Shawl in a Ball to any of these other yarns and carry a strand throughout the project. (That means working with three strands throughout your project). It adds a touch of sparkle and there is always left over which when crocheted holding 2 strands together makes a great lace to weave your shrug's sleeve "seams".

Holding 2 strands of yarn together (3 strands if adding Shawl in a Ball), loosely chain 60 stitches. Hdc (half double crochet) in each chain stitch to end of chain. Make one chain stitch, turn.

Row 1 and all rows. Hdc through top loop of every stitch to end of row. Chain 1 turn work. Continue until you have enough yarn to complete your last row. Piece will measure approximately 27" x 50".

Loosely make 2 chains that measure about 50" to use to lace your sleeves closed. Lacing your sleeves closed gives the mom receiving your shrug the option of wearing it or removing the laces to use it as a small throw.

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