## [the organic shrug] by hilary hunt

a purl studio knit.

Welcome fall with this sunny shrug sure to shield shoulders from snappy weather.

Sizes: S (M, L) - 34" (37", 40") bust opening

Yarn: 3 skeins Lion Brand Natural Choice Organic Cotton

Needles: size 9 circular needle (16-30") Size 11 straight needles

Using size 9 needles cast on 38 (48, 58) stitches.

Knit back and forth (as if with straight needles)
Knit in a 2x2 rib (K2, P2) until the cuff measures 2.5" from cast on edge.

Increase row before starting the lace: *switch to 11 needles*. Purl 4 (3, 2) M1, {P6, M1} 5 (7, 9) times, purl to end. *You should now have a total of 44 (56, 68) stitches*.

Knit in the following lace pattern until the piece measures 21.5" (23.5", 25.5") from the cast on edge.

Row 1: K1 {yo, K3tog, yo, K3} repeat {} to last stitch, knit.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K4 {yo, k3tog, yo, K3} repeat {} to last stitch, knit.

Row 4: Purl

Decrease row before cuff: switch back to size 9 needles Knit 3 (2, 1) K2tog, {K5 K2tog} 5 (7, 9) times, knit to end. You should now have a total of 38 (48, 58) stitches.

Knit a 2 x 2 rib for 2.5" then bind off loosely.

Assembly: Using a darning needle, create the arm seams by folding the piece with the wrong sides facing in and sewing up the first 4.5" in from each edge. now try the shrug on and make sure it fits comfortably (if not a little loosely) since the finished rib will cinch the arm openings a bit. Adjust the seams if necessary.

Neckline: Using the size 9 circulars, pick up 2 stitches for every 3 rows all around the neckline. Join to knit in the round. Knit a 2x2 rib for 3" and bind off very loosely. Sew in the seams and go shrug it off!



shrug (v): [shruhg]

to raise and contract (the shoulders), expressing indifference, disdain, etc.

the organic shrug (n):

a must-have hand knit accessory for fall. a perfect blend of sustainability and style.

