Cloud Everyday Cardigan

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The cardigan is worked in one seamless piece, from the top down. The set-in sleeves are worked by picking up stitches from the armhole edges and knit from the top down.

SIZE:

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 34 (36, 40, 42, 44, 48, 52, 56) inches

Length: adjustable since the garment is worked from the top down

MATERIALS

Cascade Cloud (70% Merino Wool/30% Baby Alpaca; 164 yd/150 m per 3.5 oz/100g skein)– 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 10) skeins

Recommended needle size:

1 U.S. 8/5 mm circular needle, 32 inches or longer

1 U.S. 9/5.5mm circular needle, 32 inches or longer

1 U.S. 9/5.5mm, circular needle, 16 inches

1 U.S. 8/5mm, DPN

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1 U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm circular needles, 16 inches

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(always use a needle size that gives you the gauge listed below --- every knitter's gauge is unique)

Cable needle

Stitch markers (2 different colors)

Removable stitch markers

Waste yarn to hold stitches

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread to match

9 – 12 buttons

GAUGE

18 sts/4" in stockinette st using largest (US #9/5.5mm) needles,

DIRECTIONS

(Important: read/see lace pattern & pattern notes at the end of the directions section.)

BACK

Using US #9/5.5 mm circular needle, CO 62 (62, 70, 74, 80, 84, 90, 96) sts.

Work 42 (44, 48, 50, 60, 62, 64) rows in stockinette st, ending with a WS row.

Shape Armholes:

Increase Row (RS)*:*

Kfb into first and last st . 2 sts increased.

Repeat Increase Row 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 6, 6) more times in following RS rows. 2 (4, 6, 6, 6, 8, 12, 12) sts increased.

Next Row (WS):

At end of row, CO 3 (all sizes) sts.

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Next Row (WS):

At end of row, CO 3 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

Next Row (RS):

At end of row, CO 3 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

Work 1 more row (WS) in pattern (all sizes).

Place 76 (80, 90, 94, 100, 108, 118, 126) sts on spare needle or stitch holder, break yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm circular needle, pick-up 14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts from back's shoulder CO edge, right side facing, starting from the right edge moving toward center of neck.

Row 1 (WS): Using US #9/5.5 mm 32 inch or longer circular needle, p one row.

Work 30 more rows in stockinette st, ending with a WS Row.

Next Row (RS):

CO 23 sts at end of row.

37 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49) sts on needles.

Row 1 (WS):

K1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6 k1; p14 (14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts.

Row #2 (RS): K14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts, work Row 1 of lace pattern.

Continue working in pattern for 5 (7, 7, 11, 13, 23, 25, 27) more rows.

Shape Armholes:

Increase Row (RS):

Kfb into first st. 1 st increased.

Repeat Increase Row 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 6, 6) more times in following RS rows. 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 6, 6) sts increased.

Next Row (WS):

At end of row, CO 3 sts (all sizes).

Work 1 row (RS) in pattern.

Next WS Row:

At end of row, CO 3 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

Work 2 more rows, in pattern, ending in WS row.

Place 45 (47, 50, 52, 54, 58, 62, 65) sts from working needle onto stitch holder. Break yarn.

LEFT FRONT:

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm 32 inch circular needle, pick-up 14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts from back's shoulder CO edge by counting 14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts from left edge toward center of CO edge. Place removable marker to signal where to start picking up sts.

Row 1 (WS): Using US #7/4.5 mm 32 inch or longer circular needle, p one row.

Using US #9/5.5 mm 32 inch or longer circular needle, work 29 rows in stockinet st, ending with a RS Row.

Next Row (WS):

CO 23 sts at end of row.

37 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49) sts on needles.

Row 1 (RS):

Work Row 1 of lace pattern (23 sts); then k14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts to end of row.

Row 2 (WS):

P14 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts, work Row 2 of lace pattern.

Continue working in pattern for 6 (8, 12, 14, 24, 26, 28) more rows.

Shape Armholes:

Increase Row (RS):

Kfb into last st. 1 st increased.

Repeat Increase Row 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 6, 6) more times in following RS rows. 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 6, 6) sts increased.

Next Row (RS):

At end of row, CO 3 sts (all sizes).

Work 1 row (WS) in pattern.

Next Row (RS):

At end of next row, CO 3 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

Work 1 more WS Row.

45 (47, 50, 52, 54, 58, 62, 65) sts on needle.

Do not break yarn.

LOWER BODY:

Next Row (RS): Row # 17 (21, 23, 27, 29, 9, 15, 17) of Lace Pattern

Work in pattern next 45 (47, 50, 52, 54, 58, 62, 65) sts from Left Front, place side marker;

work in pattern next 76 (80, 90, 94, 100, 108, 118, 126) sts from Back, place side marker;

work in pattern next 45 (47, 50, 52, 54, 58, 62, 65) sts from Right Front.

Continue working 166 (174, 190, 198, 208, 224, 242, 256) sts in pattern until work measures 3 (3, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5)" from armhole edge.

Waist Shaping:

Decrease Row (RS):

* Work to 3 sts before side marker, ssk, k1, slip side marker, k1, k2tog * repeat 1 time, work to end of row. 4 sts decreased.

Repeat Decrease Row, every 6th row, 3 more times (all sizes).

150 (158, 174, 182, 192, 208, 226, 240) sts on needles.

Work in pattern for 8 rows.

Increase Row (RS)*:*

* Work to 1 sts before side marker, M1R, k1, slip side maker, k1, M1L * repeat 1 time, work to end of row. 4

sts increased.

Repeat Increase Row, every 6th row, 3 more times (all sizes).

166 (174, 190, 198, 208, 224, 242, 256) sts on needles.

Work cardigan body to overall desired length, make sure to end on either Row 12 or Row 24 on lace pattern. **

*** Important*: *On last RS lace row, work the following increases, this way, the lace pattern will match up with the K2/P2 ribbing.*

P-front-back into the Purl stitch at the beginning and the end of lace pattern, also P-front-back into the center Purl stitch of the lace pattern. In essence, you are increasing the lace pattern from 23 sts to 26 sts.

In the stockinette section, decrease 2 (2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0) sts evenly

170 (178, 194, 202, 214, 230, 246, 262) sts on needles.

Change to U.S. 8/5mm circular needle, 32 inches or longer and work (P2/K2)to last 2 sts, P2.

Work 5 more rounds in 2x2Rib as set.

BO all sts loosely in next row.

SLEEVES

Set-up:

Place 1 removable stitch marker 2" on each side of shoulder seam, and place 1 removable stitch marker on the center shoulder seam.

Measure 7.5 (8, 8, 8.5, 9, 10.5, 11, 11.5) inches on each side of shoulder center seam, place

1 removable stitch marker on each bottom side, and place 1 removable stitch marker on the bottom armhole center seam.

These stitch markers should be placed on the fabric in such a way that they do not interfere with picking up stitches from the armhole edge.

Set-up Row 1:

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm circular needle, with the RS of knitted fabric facing, beginning at the top right marker *(located 2" from the right side of the shoulder seam)*,

pick up 12 sts between this marker and the shoulder seam marker;

pick up 11 sts between shoulder seam marker and top left marker, place marker;

pick up 15 (16, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24) sts between top left marker and bottom left side marker, place marker;

pick up 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts between bottom left marker and bottom center marker, place marker;

pick up 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts between bottom center marker and bottom right marker, place marker;

pick up 15 (16, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24) sts between bottom right marker and top right marker.

65 (69, 69, 73, 77, 83, 91, 95) sts on needle.

(Sleeve Photo 1)

Set-up Row 2:

Using US #9/5.5 mm circular needle, work one round, as follows, starting at top right stitch marker, p1, k6, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k6, p1, k rest of sts, completing the round, place marker.

Start Short-Row Sleeve Cap Shaping:

Row 1 (RS):

work Row 1 of lace pattern, SM, wrp-t.

Row 2 (WS):

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, SM, k1; work Row 2 of lace pattern; k1, SM, wrp-t.

Row 3 (RS):

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, SM, p1; work Row 3 of lace pattern; p1, SM, *work wrapped st & its wrap from row before last row*, k2, wrp-t.

Row 4(WS):

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, p3, SM, k1; work Row 4 of lace pattern; k1, SM, *work wrapped st & its*

wrap from row before last row, p2, wrp-t.

Row 5 (RS):

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, work in pattern to the wrapped sts from row before last row, *work wrapped st & its wrap,* k2, wrp-t.

Row 6 (WS):

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, work in pattern to the wrapped sts from row before last row, *work wrapped st & its wrap,* p2, wrp-t.

(Sleeve Photo 2)

Repeat *Rows 5 & 6* until all sts have been worked up to bottom side marker.

On the last RS and last WS row, wrp-t the st before respective bottom side marker, do not work beyond marker, even if there are fewer than 3 sts from last wrapped st.

Next Row (RS):

Start working in the round, hide remaining wrapped sts, remove all removable stitch markers.

Work one round and reduce 1 sts in the underarm area by k2tog at the bottom.

64 (68, 68, 72, 76, 82, 90, 94) sts on needle.

Place bottom center seam marker *(this will be the "start" of all subsequent rows*

Continue working in pattern for 12 (16, 16, 20, 20, 24, 26, 26) rounds.

Shape Sleeve Decrease Row:

Work to 3 sts before bottom center seam marker, ssk, k1, slip marker, k1, k2tog, continue working in pattern. 2 sts decreased.

Repeat this decrease row every 6th row, 8 (9, 8, 8, 8, 10, 13, 14) more times.

46 (48, 50, 54, 58, 60, 62, 64) sts on needle.

Work to 1" below desired sleeve length, make sure to end on a row 12 or 24.**

** ***Important***: *On last RS lace row, work the following increases, this way, the lace pattern will match up with the K2/P2 ribbing. P-front-back into the Purl stitch at the beginning and the end of lace pattern, also P-front-back into the center Purl stitch of the lace pattern. In essence, you are increasing the lace pattern from 23 sts to 26 sts.*

49 (51, 53, 57, 61, 63, 65, 67) sts on needle.

Work one more WS row (row 12 or 24) - in the stockinette section of the sleeve, decrease 5 (7, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 3) sts evenly. 44 (44, 52, 56, 60, 60, 64, 64) sts on needles.

Change to U.S. 8/5mm DPN, and work (p2/k2) ribbing as follows. In order for the ribbing to

match up with the lace pattern, work:

XS & S: K2/P2 – 11 times

M: K2/P2 – 13 times

L: K2/P2 – 14 times

XL & 2XL: K2/P2 - 15 times

3XL & 4XL: K2/P2 – 16 times.

Work 5 more rounds in 2x2Rib as set.

BO all sts in next row.

FINISHING

Button Band:

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2 needle/2.5 or 3 mm, with the RS of knitted fabric of left front facing, beginning at up-per left corner, pick-up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the left front edge, ending at lower front corner. Make sure to have an even number of sts for the band.

Switch to U.S. 8 /5mm circular 32 inch or longer needle and work (K2,P2) to end. Work 5 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set. BO all sts loosely in next row.

Buttonhole Band:

Use removable stitch markers to mark desired positions of 8 (short version) or 11 (long version) buttonholes evenly spaced along the right front edge, positioning of the   buttons at Rows 1 and Rows 13 of all worked lace cable repeats. (*One button will be positioned in the neckband*)

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2 needle/2.5 or 3 mm, beginning at lower right front corner, pick-up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the right front edge, ending at upper right front corner. Switch to U.S. 8/5 mm needle, work 1 row (K2,P2) to end.
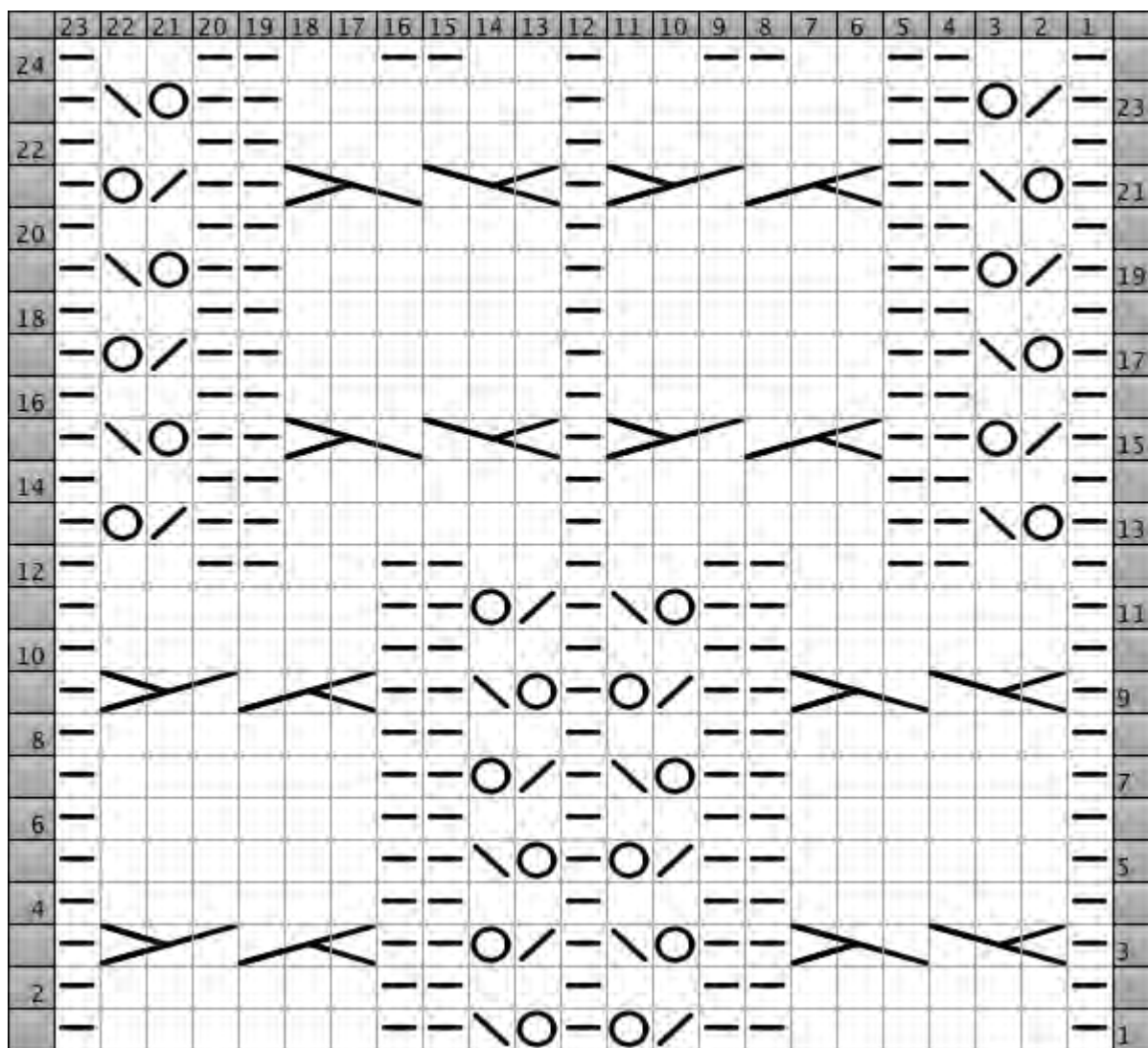
Buttonhole Row (RS): (Work to buttonhole position, yo, k2tog) 8/11 times, work to end of row.

Work 3 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set.

BO all sts in next row.

Neckline Band:

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2 needle/2.5 or 3 mm 32 inch or longer circular needles, with the RS of knitted fabric of right front facing, pick-up 42 (46, 48, 48, 50, 50, 50, 50) sts for right front, 62 (62, 70, 74, 78, 82, 90, 94)sts for back and 42 (46, 48, 48, 50, 50, 50, 50) sts for left front.

146 (154, 166, 170, 178, 182, 190, 194) sts on needle

Use a size U.S. 8/5 mm 32 or longer circular needles, Work 1 row (P2/K2) to last 2 sts, P2.

Work 1 more row in 2x2 Rib as set.

Buttonhole Row (WS): Work 3 sts, yo, ssk, continue working in 1x1 Rib as set to end.

Work 3 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set.

BO all sts <u>tightly</u> in next row.

Sew on buttons to left front button band, opposite buttonholes.

Weave in ends and block as desired.

Lace Pattern Chart   (Worked over 23 sts and 24 rows)

23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
																							24
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Key:

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
⋈	Cable 6 Back c6b (RS) Sl 3 to back, k3, k3 sts from cn (WS) Sl 3 to front, p3, p3 sts from cn	—	Purl p (RS) Purl (WS) Knit
⋈	Cable 6 Front c6f (RS) Sl 3 to front, k3, k3 sts from cn (WS) Sl 3 to back, p3, p3 sts from cn	\	Slip Slip Knit ssk (RS) slip, slip, knit slipped sts together (WS) slip, slip, purl slipped sts together
□	Knit k (RS) Knit (WS) Purl	O	Yarn Over yo (RS) Yarn Over (WS) Yarn Over
/	Knit 2 Together k2tog (RS) Knit 2 stitches together (WS) Purl 2 Together		

Lace Pattern   (Worked over a multiple of 23 sts and 24 rows):

Row 1 (RS): p1, k6, p2, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p2, k6, p1

Row 2 (WS): k1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6, k1

Row 3 (RS): p1, c6f, p2, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, c6b, p1

Row 4 (WS): k1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6, k1

Row 5 (RS): p1, k6, p2, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p2, k6, p1

Row 6 (WS): k1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6, k1

Row 7 (RS): p1, k6, p2, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k6, p1

Row 8 (WS): k1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6, k1

Row 9 (RS): p1, c6f, p2, k2tog, yo, p1, yo, ssk, p2, c6b, p1

Row 10 (WS): k1, p6, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p6, k1

Row 11 (RS): p1, k6, p2, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k6, p1

Row 12 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k1

Row 13 (RS): p1, yo, ssk, p2, k6, p1, k6, p2, k2tog, yo, p1

Row 14 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p6, k1, p6, k2, p2, k1

Row 15 (RS): p1, k2tog, yo, p2, c6b, p1, c6f, p2, yo, ssk, p1

Row 16 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p6, k1, p6, k2, p2, k1

Row 17 (RS): p1, yo, ssk, p2, k6, p1, k6, p2, k2tog, yo, p1

Row 18 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p6, k1, p6, k2, p2, k1

Row 19 (RS): p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k6, p1, k6, p2, yo, ssk, p1

Row 20 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p6, k1, p6, k2, p2, k1

Row 21 (RS): p1, yo, ssk, p2, c6b, p1, c6f, p2, k2tog, yo, p1

Row 22 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p6, k1, p6, k2, p2, k1

Row 23 (RS): p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k6, p1, k6, p2, yo, ssk, p1

Row 24 (WS): k1, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k1, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k1

PATTERN NOTES:

Top-Down Sleeves: Sleeves are worked from the top-down and in the round, once short-row sleeve cap shaping is completed. Use your preferred method of working in the round, i.e. using, a 16" circular needle, DPN or magic loop method.

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

ssk: slip 1 st, slip 1 st, knit 2 slipped sts together

yo: yarn over

c4b (cable 4 back): Place 2 sts on cable needle, hold in back, k2, k2 sts from cable needle.

c4f (cable 4 s front): Place 2 sts on cable needle, hold in front, k2, k2 sts from cable needle.

M1L (left-leaning increase): Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through back loop. 1 stitch increased.

M1R (right-leaning increase): Insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through front loop. 1 stitch increased.

Short Rows: The cardigan's sleeves are worked from the top-down utilizing short rows to shape the sleeve cap.

w&t (wrap & turn): To wrap and turn on a RS row, knit to point specified in pattern, bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to back of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin purling back in the other direction.

To wrap and turn on a WS row, purl to point specified in pattern, bring yarn to back of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to front of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin knitting back in the other direction.

Working Wraps Together with Wrapped Stitches: When working rows which follow short rows, work the "wraps" at the turning points of the short rows, together with the stitches they wrap, as follows:

When working a RS row: Knit to wrapped stitch. Slip next stitch from left needle to right needle, use tip of left needle to pick up "wrap" and place it on right needle, insert left needle into both wrap and stitch, and knit them together.

When working a WS row: Purl to wrapped stitch. Slip next stitch from left needle to right needle, use tip of left needle to pick up "wrap" and place it on right needle, slip both wrap and stitch back to left needle, purl together through back loops.