

# PetiteKnit

## CLOUD TOP



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<b>Sizes:</b>	XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
<b>Bust circumference:</b>	82 (87) 92 (97) 102 (112) 122 (132) 142 (152) cm [32¼ (34¼) 36¼ (38¼) 40¼ (44) 48 (52) 56 (59¾) inches]
<b>Length:</b>	47 (48) 49 (51) 54 (56) 58 (61) 64 (66) cm [18½ (19) 19¼ (20) 21¼ (22) 22¾ (24) 25¼ (26) inches] (measured mid back excl. collar)
<b>Armhole depth:</b>	20 (21) 22 (22) 22 (23) 23 (24) 24 (24) cm [7¾ (8¼) 8¾ (8¾) 8¾ (9) 9 (9½) 9½ (9½) inches]
<b>Shoulder width:</b>	35 (36) 38 (40) 41 (42) 43 (44) 44 (45) cm [13¾ (14¼) 15 (15¾) 16¼ (16½) 17 (17¼) 17¼ (17¾) inches]
<b>Gauge:</b>	20 sts x 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] needle
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 40, 60 and 80 or 100 cm [16, 24 and 32 or 40 inches]
<b>Materials:</b>	250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (400) 450 (450-500) 500 (500) g Hør Organic by Isager Yarn (50 g = 178 m [195 yds]) <b>or</b> Trio 2 by Isager Yarn (50 g = 175 m [191 yds]) <b>or</b> 200 (200) 250 (250) 300 (350) 350-400 (400) 450 (450) g Tynn Line by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 220 m [241 yds]) <b>or</b> 200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (300) 300-350 (350) 400 (400) g Pure Silk by Knitting for Olive (50 g = 250 m [273 yds]). Note: Two strands of yarn are held together throughout. The given yardage amounts are the total yardage needed.

## PATTERN

The Cloud Top is worked from the top down. First the back yoke is worked flat back and forth while short rows are worked to shape the shoulders. Then, each shoulder is worked separately, back and forth and with short rows. The shoulders are then joined to form the front yoke. The front and back yoke are joined at the underarms to form the body, which is worked in the round on a circular needle. Along the neck and armhole stitches are picked up and knitted and a stockinette stitch edge is worked.

Knit a swatch before beginning the project to check if the recommended needle size gives you the correct gauge.

### Size guide

The Cloud Top is designed to have approx. 2-5 cm [ $\frac{3}{4}$ -2 inches] of positive ease. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [ $29\frac{1}{2}$ - $31\frac{1}{2}$  ( $31\frac{1}{2}$ - $33\frac{1}{2}$ )  $33\frac{1}{2}$ - $35\frac{1}{2}$  ( $35\frac{1}{2}$ - $37\frac{1}{2}$ )  $37\frac{1}{2}$ - $39\frac{1}{2}$  ( $39\frac{1}{2}$ - $43\frac{1}{4}$ )  $43\frac{1}{4}$ - $47\frac{1}{4}$  ( $47\frac{1}{4}$ - $51\frac{1}{4}$ )  $51\frac{1}{4}$ -55 (55-59) inches]. The measurements for the finished top is listed on the front page of the pattern. Measure yourself before starting your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [ $35\frac{1}{2}$  inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S top has a bust circumference of 92 cm [ $36\frac{1}{4}$  inches] which in the given example would give you 2 cm [ $\frac{3}{4}$  inches] of positive ease.

### About increases and decreases

The increases and decreases are worked so they either slant right (M1R and k2tog) or slant left (M1L and skp). They are worked as follows:

**M1R:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

**M1L:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

**Skp:** Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

**K2tog:** Knit 2 stitches together.

### Back yoke

The back yoke is worked flat, back and forth. Short rows are worked to shape it. Use the *German Short Row* technique when working short rows, meaning when the pattern says to “turn” (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Work as follows:

Cast on 70 (72) 76 (80) 82 (84) 86 (88) 88 (90) sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle.

Break the working yarn.

Slip the first 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) 22 (22) 22 (23) sts from the left needle to the right needle (without knitting them).

Join new yarn and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to 36 (36) 38 (40) 40 (40) 42 (44) 44 (44) sts until there are 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) 22 (22) 22 (23) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Knit until there are 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (19) 19 (19) 19 (20) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 3 (WS): Purl until there are 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (19) 19 (19) 19 (20) sts left on the needle, turn.

The next row is a RS row.

Continue working short rows to shape the back yoke as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn (meaning knit the turning stitch from the previous RS row, then knit 3 more sts), turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn (meaning purl the turning stitch from the previous WS row, then purl 3 more sts) turn.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) times (on the last repeat there are 2 (3) 4 (2) 3 (4) 4 (4) 4 (2) sts left on the needle). The next row is a RS row.

The back yoke is now shaped like a trapezoid, and the work measures approx. 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) cm [1½ (1½) 1½ (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2¼) inches] measured down the center from the cast on edge.

Now work back and forth across all sts in stockinette stitch (with no more short rows) until the work measures 20.5 (21) 21.5 (23.5) 23.5 (22.5) 21 (21) 19 (18) cm [8 (8¼) 8½ (9¼) 9¼ (8¾) 8¼ (8¼) 7½ (7) inches] measured down the center from the cast on edge. The last row is a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Now work increases for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 (6) 6 (5) 5 (8) 9 (8) 8 (11) times. There are now a total of 80 (84) 88 (90) 92 (100) 104 (104) 104 (112) sts on the needles.

### **Only for sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL:**

Now work increases for the armholes on every row. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): P2, **M1R**, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p2.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (3) 5 (5) times. There are now a total of 80 (84) 88 (90) 92 (100) 108 (116) 124 (132) sts on the needles.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest while the shoulders are being worked.

### Left shoulder

RS facing, pick up and knit 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) 22 (22) 22 (23) sts along the left side of the cast on edge on the back yoke with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Pick up and knit from the RS with **the short end of the yarn** (starting at the neck and working towards the left armhole edge), so the following row can be worked from the RS with the long end of the yarn (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)).

Now work 2 rows that appear as purl sts from the RS. These are meant to mark the shoulder. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Purl across.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Now work back and forth with short rows and increases at the neck to shape the slope of the shoulder and the neckline.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end.

Row 3 (RS): K6, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Purl to end.

Row 5 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn (meaning knit the turning stitch from the previous RS row, then knit 3 more sts), turn.

Row 6 (WS): Purl to end.

Work Rows 1-6 once, then work Rows 5 and 6 another 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) times (i.e. until 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (5) rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 20 (21) 22 (24) 25 (26) 26 (26) 26 (28) sts on the needles.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases at the neck (with no more short rows). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, k to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 3 (3) 3 (2) 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (2) times (i.e. until 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) 29 (29) 29 (30) sts on the needles.

Break the working yarn and let the sts rest while the right shoulder is being worked.

### Right shoulder

RS facing, pick up and knit 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) 22 (22) 22 (23) sts from the RS along the right side of the cast on edge on the back yoke with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Pick up and knit from the RS with the long end of the yarn, as you usually do (starting at the right armhole edge and working towards the neck). The next row is a WS row.

Now work 2 rows that look appear as purl sts from the RS. These are meant to mark the shoulder. Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Knit across.

Row 2 (RS): Purl across.

Now work back and forth with short rows and increases at the neck to shape the slope of the shoulder and the neckline.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): P3, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Knit to end.

Row 3 (WS): P6, turn.

Row 4 (RS): Knit to end.

Row 5 (WS): Purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn (meaning purl the turning stitch from the previous WS row, then purl 3 more sts), turn.

Row 6 (RS): Knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Work Rows 1-6 once, then work Rows 5 and 6 another 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) times (i.e. until 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (5) rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 20 (21) 22 (24) 25 (26) 26 (26) 26 (28) sts on the needles. The next row is a WS row.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to end of row.

The next row is a RS row.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases at the neck (with no more short rows). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 3 (3) 3 (2) 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (2) times (i.e. until 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) 29 (29) 29 (30) sts on the needles.

Do not break the working yarn, as the next step will continue from here.

### Front yoke

Now the left and right shoulder are joined to form the front yoke while new sts are cast on between the two sections to form the neckline.

From the RS and starting with the right shoulder work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2, cast on 22 (22) 24 (26) 26 (26) 26 (28) 28 (28) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, continue across the left shoulder: k2, **M1L**, knit to the end of the row. There are now a total of 70 (72) 76 (80) 82 (84) 86 (88) 88 (90) sts on the needles.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

The next row is a RS row.

Now work back and forth with decreases at each side. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) times. There are now a total of 66 (68) 72 (76) 78 (78) 80 (82) 82 (84) sts on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch across all the front yoke sts (with no more decreases) until the front yoke measures 15 (15) 16 (17) 17 (15.5) 14 (14) 12 (10) cm [6 (6) 6¼ (6¾) 6¾ (6) 5½ (5½) 4¾ (4) inches] measured along the armhole edge. The last row is a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Now work increases for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 7 (8) 8 (7) 7 (11) 12 (11) 11 (14) times. There are now a total of 80 (84) 88 (90) 92 (100) 104 (104) 104 (112) sts on the needles.

### Only for sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL:

Now work increases for the armholes on every row. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 2 (WS): P2, **M1R**, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p2.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (3) 5 (5) times. There are now a total of 80 (84) 88 (90) 92 (100) 108 (116) 124 (132) sts on the needles.

Do not break the working yarn, as the next step will continue from here.

## **Body**

The body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle.

Join the front and back yoke to form the body as follows:

Round 1: Knit across front from the RS, cast on 2 (3) 4 (7) 10 (12) 14 (16) 18 (20) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit across back from the RS, cast on 2 (3) 4 (7) 10 (12) 14 (16) 18 (20) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method.

There are now a total of 164 (174) 184 (194) 204 (224) 244 (264) 284 (304) sts on the needles. Join in the round and place a marker under the right sleeve, after the first backward loop sts to mark the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the top measures 45 (46) 47 (49) 52 (54) 56 (59) 62 (64) cm [17¾ (18) 18½ (19¼) 20½ (21¼) 22 (23¼) 24½ (25¼) inches] measured mid back from the cast on edge – or to the desired length, try it on along the way.

Work 4 rounds in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Knit across 4 rounds.

Bind off all sts knit-wise.

## **Armhole edge**

The armhole edge is worked in the round on a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle.

RS facing, pick up and knit 83 (88) 93 (97) 100 (106) 110 (112) 114 (116) sts along the armhole opening with a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle (start and end at the bottom of the armhole). The approx. rate for picking up and knitting sts is 3 sts for every 4 rows.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round at the bottom of the armhole.

Knit across 4 rounds.

Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Work the other edge identically.

## **Neck edge**

The funnel neckline is worked in the round in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle.

RS facing, pick up and knit 98 (98) 102 (106) 106 (106) 112 (116) 116 (116) sts around the neck edge with a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. The rate for picking up and knitting sts is 1 stitch in every stitch all the way around.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Knit across 4 rounds.

Bind off all sts knit-wise.

## **Finishing**

Weave in all ends.

## Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	right-leaning decrease; knit two stitches together
M1R	make one right; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand
M1L	make one left; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted)
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
skp	left-leaning decrease; slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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