

# PetiteKnit

## CLOUD BLOUSE



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- Sizes:** XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
- Bust circumference:** 92 (96) 102 (106) 112 (122) 130 (140) 150 (160) cm [36¼ (37¾) 40¼ (41¾) 44 (48) 51¼ (55) 59 (63) inches]
- Length:** 51 (52) 54 (56) 58 (60) 62 (64) 66 (68) cm [20 (20½) 21¼ (22) 22¾ (23½) 24½ (25¼) 26 (26¾) inches] (measured mid back excl. collar)
- Gauge:** 20 sts x 31 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] needle
- Needles:** Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 40, 60 and 80 or 100 cm [16, 24 and 32 or 40 inches]  
Double-pointed needles: 4 mm [US6]
- Materials:** 175 (200) 200-225 (225) 225 (250) 275 (275) 300 (300) g Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Silk Mohair by Sysleriget (50 g = 420 m [460 yds]) **or** 175 (200) 200 (200) 225 (225) 250 (250) 275 (275-300) g Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive (25 g = 225 m [246 yds]) **or** 300 (325) 325 (350) 350 (375) 400 (425) 450 (475) g Brushlight by Cardiff (25 g = 138 m [151 yds]). Note: Two strands of yarn are held together throughout. The given yardage amounts are the total yardage needed.

## PATTERN

The Cloud Blouse 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. The sleeves are worked from stitches that are picked up and knitted along the armhole openings. The sleeves are worked in the round. At the end, the stockinette stitch funnel neckline is worked from stitches that are picked up and knitted along the neck opening. Knit a swatch before beginning the project to check if the recommended needle size gives you the correct gauge.

### Size guide

The Cloud Blouse is designed to have approx. 12-15 cm [4¾-6 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 [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55 (55-59) inches]. The measurements for the finished blouse are 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 [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S blouse has a bust circumference of 102 cm [40¼ inches] which in the given example would give you 12 cm [4¾ inches] of positive ease.

### About increases

The increases are worked so they either slant right (M1R) or slant left (M1L). 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).

### 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 92 (96) 102 (106) 112 (122) 130 (140) 150 (160) sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle.

Break the working yarn.

Slip the first 29 (30) 33 (34) 37 (42) 46 (50) 55 (60) sts from the left needle to the right needle (without knitting them).

Join new yarn and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to 34 (36) 36 (38) 38 (38) 38 (40) 40 (40) sts until there are 29 (30) 33 (34) 37 (42) 46 (50) 55 (60) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Knit until there are 26 (27) 30 (31) 34 (39) 43 (47) 52 (57) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 3 (WS): Purl until there are 26 (27) 30 (31) 34 (39) 43 (47) 52 (57) 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 8 (8) 9 (9) 10 (12) 13 (15) 16 (18) times (on the last repeat there are 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (3) 4 (2) 4 (3) 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. 6 (6) 7 (7) 7.5 (8.5) 9.5 (10.5) 11.5 (12.5) cm [ $2\frac{1}{4}$  ( $2\frac{1}{4}$ )  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ( $2\frac{3}{4}$ ) 3 ( $3\frac{1}{4}$ )  $3\frac{3}{4}$  ( $4\frac{1}{4}$ )  $4\frac{1}{2}$  (5) 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 23 (23.5) 25 (25.5) 26.5 (29) 30 (31.5) 33.5 (35.5) cm [ $9$  ( $9\frac{1}{4}$ )  $9\frac{3}{4}$  (10)  $10\frac{1}{2}$  ( $11\frac{1}{2}$ )  $11\frac{3}{4}$  ( $12\frac{1}{2}$ )  $13\frac{1}{4}$  (14) 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.

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

### **Left shoulder**

RS facing, pick up and knit 29 (30) 33 (34) 37 (42) 46 (50) 55 (60) 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.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.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 5 times (i.e. until 6 rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 35 (36) 39 (40) 43 (48) 52 (56) 61 (66) 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 29 (30) 33 (34) 37 (42) 46 (50) 55 (60) 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 5 times (i.e. until 6 rows with increases at the neck have been worked). There are now a total of 35 (36) 39 (40) 43 (48) 52 (56) 61 (66) sts on the needles. The next row is a WS row.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

The next row is a RS row.

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 short rows are still worked to shape the shoulders. New sts are cast on between the two sections to form the neckline.

### For sizes XXS and XS:

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 20 (22) – (–) – (–) – (–) – (–) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, continue across the left shoulder: k2, **M1L**, knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn on the left shoulder, turn. There are now a total of 92 (96) – (–) – (–) – (–) – (–) sts on the needles.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

The next row is a RS row.

### For sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

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 (24) 24 (24) 24 (26) 26 (26) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, continue across the left shoulder: k2, **M1L**, knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn on the left shoulder, turn. There are now a total of – (–) 102 (106) 112 (122) 130 (140) 150 (160) sts on the needles.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

Row 3 (RS): Knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

Work Rows 1-4 once, then work Rows 3 and 4 another – (–) 0 (0) 1 (3) 4 (6) 7 (9) times, as the last WS row is worked without the turn (the last turn is therefore from the RS and there are – (–) 3 (4) 4 (3) 4 (2) 4 (3) sts left on the needle). The next row is a RS row.

### For all sizes:

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch across all the front yoke sts until the front yoke measures 17 (17.5) 18 (18.5) 19 (20) 20.5 (21) 22 (23) cm [6¾ (7) 7 (7¼) 7½ (7¾) 8 (8¼) 8¾ (9) inches] measured along the armhole edge. The last row is a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

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:

Knit across front from the RS, knit across back from the RS.

There are now a total of 184 (192) 204 (212) 224 (244) 260 (280) 300 (320) sts on the needles. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round (under the right sleeve).

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the blouse measures 49 (50) 52 (54) 56 (58) 60 (62) 64 (66) cm [19¼ (19¾) 20½ (21¼) 22 (22¾) 23½ (24½) 25¼ (26) 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.

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles or on a longer circular needle using the *Magic Loop* technique.

RS facing, pick up and knit 68 (70) 72 (74) 76 (80) 82 (84) 88 (92) sts along the armhole opening with 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles (start and end at the bottom of the armhole). The approx. rate for picking up and knitting sts is 2 sts for every 3 rows.

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

Purl across 2 rounds (these rounds mark where sts were picked up and knitted in the same way as along the shoulder line).

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 44 cm [17¼ inches], **while at the same time** working decreases on every 19th (17th) 15th (15th) 13th (12th) 11th (11th) 9th (9th) round a total of 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 (10) 11 (11) 13 (14) times by working a decrease round as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, ssk, k1. There are now a total of 56 (56) 56 (58) 58 (60) 60 (62) 62 (64) sts on the needles.

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

Knit across 4 rounds.

Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Work the other sleeve 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 94 (98) 98 (102) 102 (102) 102 (106) 106 (106) 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.

Work 4 cm [1½ inches] in the round in stockinette stitch.

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
ssk	left-leaning decrease; slip 2 sts knit-wise, one at a time, insert the left needle from left to right through the 2 sts and knit them together through the back loops
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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