

“Fallen Cloud”
by Lisa Hannes
KAL Preparations

Welcome to our Fall 2021 Knit Along! We will be knitting “Fallen Cloud” by Lisa Hannes.

Fallen Cloud is a boxy sweater with a relaxed fit and a lovely cable and lace pattern on the left front side. It has a wide crew neck and drop shoulders. The construction is top down, seamless and in one piece. There is no waist shaping, and the length is easily adjusted. It is knit in DK weight yarn, and I recommend Scout as a great option.

Our first meeting is September 25th, but you can make advanced preparations. Here’s how:

-Sign up online at AllWoundUpYarnShop.com under Class Registration. Once signed up, you will receive all of the KAL communications and invitations to all zoom sessions.

-Buy your pattern. There is a link to the pattern on our website, or you can use the link here:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/fallen-cloud-sweater> Lisa Hannes has graciously offered a 20% discount on her pattern if you buy it directly from her on Ravelry. I will pass on the discount code once I have it in-hand. You can also buy the pattern from our shop.

-Choose your yarn. I recommend Kelbourne Scout as a great option. It is a DK weight non-superwash wool that is soft and beautiful to knit with. It comes in many heathered solid colors.

-Knit your swatch. The pattern calls for 20 sts and 26 rows over 4 inches (5 sts, 6.5 rows/inch). See below for a reminder on how to knit a swatch.

Gauge is critical for a proper fit when making clothing, so we will talk about gauge and sizing in our first class. If you are comfortable with gauge, feel free to knit your swatch and block it. You may need to adjust your needle size to get proper gauge. Lisa Hannes calls out a US-6 for the body of the sweater, and I recommend starting with it, then adjusting the needle size if gauge does not work out.

Be careful when choosing your size in this pattern. There is a chart for “bust size” and another chart for “finished bust size”. The “finished bust size” includes her recommended 7” of ease... This may look a little different if you have not seen it before. You can still choose your preferred ease, but you may be knitting a different “bust size” to achieve that goal. More on this later.

For now, here are notes on knitting your swatch:

- Cast-on about 24 stitches using a US-6 needle, or your best estimation of needle size that will produce 5 stitches per inch in stockinette.
- Knit 4 inches and bind off.
- Measure your swatch over at least 2” and count stitches per inch and rows per inch.
- Soak the swatch in cool water for about 5 minutes.
- Squeeze out the water using a towel, then gently lay it flat without stretching.
- Let it dry and measure again. You can bring it to the shop if you need help measuring.
- How close are you to the recommended gauge? Keep in mind that one-half stitch per inch translates to about 4 inches difference in size on a completed sweater! You can adjust needle size to fine tune your gauge.
- Make sure that you are happy with the fabric in your gauge as you will have a whole sweater with this lovely fabric!!

I think you will love this sweater as much as I do! Remember to sign up and then mark your calendar for our first meeting on Saturday, September 25th from 1:00p until 2:30p on zoom. See you there!