CLOUD ON HER SHOULDERS



Feather Light
Cozy Warm
Easy and Portable
One Size fits up to 4XL

Materials:

*2 skeins (143 yds/130 meters) Suri Dream (74% Suri Alpaca, 22% wool, 4% Nylon) (If you are a tight knitter you may only need one skein.)
OR

2 skeins (98 yds/89 meters each) Creative Focus Kid Mohair (75% Kid Mohair, 2% Wool, 5% Nylon)

- 143 to 175 yards of any fuzzy, light bulky fiber will do fine. It is a great pattern for hand spun or thick/thin yarn as well.

*US Size 15/10 mm circular or straight needles.

*8 stitch markers, 1 'starter' marker of a different color or shape than the other 7.

Stitch Abbreviation Key:

K: knit

PM: Place Marker.

SM: Slip the marker from left needle to right needle.

Kfb: Knit through the front and back loop of the next stitch, then slip it off the left needle.

...: repeat the stitches within the * * as indicated

FEATHER LIGHT, YET WARM

People who have had shoulder injuries, or older folks who are a little frail can be very vulnerable to cold, yet find heavy shoulder coverings uncomfortable. People receiving cancer treatment sometimes feel very chilled, and any extra weight can feel like a burden. This shawl will keep them warm, with almost no added weight. The curved back and neckline means the shawl sits securely on the shoulders, and does not roll or fold uncomfortably against the back when seated. It has the added advantage of being extremely compressible, so it can be smooshed into a small container for travel and will be just as fluffy and warm when it's taken out for use.

Directions

-Note on Sizing: For larger than 4XL, add repetitions of each set of increase rows, and allow for extra yarn.

Cast on 15 stitches with the long tail or other flexible cast-on method.

Pattern establishing rows (P.E. Rows):

P.E. Row 1 (wrong side): K3, PM, K1, PM, K7, PM, K1, place 'starter' marker, K3

P.E. Row 2 (right side): K1, Kfb, Kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb, K5, kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb, Kfb, k1 (21 stitches)

P.E. Row 3 (wrong side): knit every stitch across the row, slipping markers as you come to them.

Note: Hereafter, when the 'starter' marker is nearest the first stitches of the row, you will know this is an increase row. If it is the furthest marker from the first stitches of a row, you will know this is a row where every stitch is knitted.

ROW 1: K1, Kfb, *K to 1 stitch before next marker, Kfb, SM, K1, SM, kfb* work the part between * and * a total of two times. Knit until 2 stitches remain, Kfb, K1 (27 stitches)

ROW 2: Knit every stitch across the row, slipping markers as you come to them.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the stitch count is 105, divided as follows: 33 stitches, Marker, 1 stitch, Marker, 37 stitches, Marker, 1 stitch, Marker, 33 stitches (end with a 'Row 2')

Begin Curving Center Back:

You will be placing extra markers in the center section of stitches.

Curving row:

K1, Kfb, Knit to 1 stitch before next marker, Kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb,

K9. Kfb. PM. K1. PM. Kfb. K11. Kfb. PM. K1. PM. Kfb.

Knit to 1 stitch before next marker, Kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb, Knit until 2 stitches remain, Kfb, K1. (115 stitches.)

(you have added two more points of double increases in the center back section)

Next row: Knit every stitch across.

Row 1a: K1, Kfb, Knit to 1 stitch before next marker, *Kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb, Knit to 1 stitch before next marker* three times, Kfb, SM, K1, SM, Kfb, knit until 2 stitches remain, Kfb, K1.

Row 2a: Knit every stitch across

Repeat Rows 1a and 2a twice more (working them a total of 3 times), then work Row 1a once more.

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