

“Hitofude”
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KAL Preparations

Welcome to our Fall 2023 KAL. Don't you feel like making a lovely, drapery allover lace sweater this fall? We have the perfect project: “Hitofude” by Hiroko Fukatsu.

“As implied by the name “Hitofude”, meaning “a single brush stroke” in Japanese. This open front cardigan with an allover lace pattern is worked in one “yarn stroke” -- a continuous strand without cutting the yarn.

The yarn stroke starts from the upper body and sleeves worked together in a rectangular piece, then moves to lower body, where the lace pattern increases evenly, creating a gentle drape” -Hiroko Fukatsu

I am excited to explore this very uniquely constructed cardigan with you as we knit “Hitofude” together. The pattern recommends a drapery fingering weight yarn. Polka Dot Sheep Iron Horse would be gorgeous! Or make yours a color change by using a Scheepjes Whirl, supplementing with a Whirllette, and be sure to consider our newest addition, DanDoh's Silk Plus, and I am using our recently added Solo Lino by Lana Grossa. I can never pass up knitting with linen. I love its drape; even though it is a sport weight... There are many yarn choices, and I know you will find the perfect yarn.

Our first meeting is September 23rd and we will continue for 8 weeks. Class sessions will be every-other Saturday from 11:00am until 12:30pm on zoom. Here's how to join:

-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.

-Purchase your pattern on Ravelry. Here is the link: [Hitofude Cardigan](#)

-Choose your size and yarn. The yoke and sleeves are knit at the same time as a rectangle, then seamed in a shrug style. We will talk about fit and minor tweaks in our first class.

-Knit your swatch. The Hitofude pattern has very specific instructions for knitting your swatch. Look on the bottom of page 1 for Gauge knitting information. I recommend knitting 2 repeats of Chart A and measuring to 4.75' sts and 2" height. The recommended needle size is US-4 but be sure to check your gauge and adjust your needle size as needed to attain proper gauge. Remember to block your swatch by soaking it in cool water, blotting with a towel, and let it dry. Gauge is then measured with the **dry** swatch **slightly** stretched.

Hitofude is beautiful and very flattering on everyone. I hope you will join me as we knit this amazing cardigan together. Be sure to sign up so you receive all of the KAL information and mark your calendar for September 23rd for our first zoom session. The time will be from 11:00am until 12:30pm.

See you there!