

“Caramel Sweater”

by Petite Knits

KAL Preparations

As soon as I saw the Caramel Sweater, I was smitten with its cozy turtleneck and long ribbing on the sleeves and hem. I knew I had to knit this. Caramel is a top-down raglan sweater with a straight-forward construction and is perfect for your first sweater. I knit mine from Malabrigo Rios and love how soft it is. I used my favorite color, Volcan.

Is this your first KAL? Here's what to expect:

-Our KAL Sessions will be held on Saturdays from 10am–11:30am over Zoom on 2/24, 3/9, 3/23, and 4/6. Our final session on 4/20 will be in person at All Wound Up.

-Each Session will focus on the upcoming aspects of the sweater.

-For the adventurous, potential (not essential) modifications will be presented that adjust Caramel's fit and/or function.

-You will receive access to video tutorials on YouTube for the fussy parts of construction.

-You will create a lovely sweater with an amazing group of knitters.

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** from Ravelry or at All Wound Up Yarn Shop. Here is the link:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/caramel-sweater>

-**Choose your yarn.** The pattern gauge is 5.25 sts/inch. I used Malabrigo Rios and got gauge using a US-6. Choose a yarn that is very soft as this sweater will be worn next to your skin. The pattern recommends holding 2 strands together, but with a Worsted weight or a heavy DK weight yarn, you can get gauge using one strand.

-**Knit your swatch.** The pattern calls for 21 sts and 28 rows over 4 inches (5.25 sts, 7 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. Knit your swatch using a US-6 to start. If you do not meet gauge, try adjusting your needle size. If you love your fabric and are off gauge by ½ stitch per inch or less, I will show you how to adjust the pattern to accommodate.

Here's how to knit a swatch:

- Cast-on 26 stitches using a US-6 needle.
- Knit 4 inches and bind off.
- Measure your swatch over at least 2" of fabric and note the stitch and row gauge count.
- 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. How close are you to the recommended gauge? You can adjust needle size to fine tune your gauge. The pattern can be adjusted to accommodate gauge differences of up to about ½ stitch per inch.
- Most importantly is that you are happy with the fabric in your swatch as you will have a whole sweater with this lovely fabric!!

I think you will love this sweater as much as I do. Be sure to sign up so you receive KAL info, and then mark your calendar for our first meeting on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00a until 11:30a on zoom. See you there!