

“Whitecaps”

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KAL Preparations

Spring is finally here! What a great time to knit a sweet spring top. Whitecaps is perfect over a cami or summer dress. You can dress it up or wear it casually, and it looks great on everyone!

To knit “Whitecaps”, you only need to know how to knit, purl and slip stitches. You will knit with one strand on some sections and hold the yarn double on others. This creates more texture and structure for the lighter see-through fabric. The body is knit from the bottom up in 2 pieces with no shaping. Sides and shoulders are seamed, and sleeves picked up and knit straight. Sleeves can be long or short, and finished with a curve at the end or left straight.

Our first meeting is June 15, but you can make advanced preparations. Here’s how:

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

-Download your pattern. Here is a Ravelry link:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/whitecaps-7>

-Choose your yarn. I highly recommend using DanDoh Silk+ for this pullover. It is a gorgeous yarn that has the right drape and texture that is perfect. Another option is Remix Light by Berroco, or Organicon, our new 100% organic cotton by Scheepjes.

-Choose your fit. “Whitecaps” pattern has 3 sizes. Choose a size that provides at least 4” of positive ease at your bust, but this top can accommodate up to 12” of ease for a flowing, drapery top. The bust circumference is easily adjusted by adding or reducing pattern repeats. I am happy to help with the math! Body length and sleeve depth can also easily be adjusted.

-Knit your swatch. The pattern calls for 16 sts/20 rows over 4” (4 sts/5 rows per inch) in stockinette stitch and 1 strand of yarn. Start with a US-9 needle. Swatching is super important for a predictable fit!

Here are notes on knitting your swatch:

- Cast-on about 20 stitches using a US-9 needle, or your best estimation of needle size that will produce 4 stitches per inch in stockinette.
- Knit 20 rows and bind off.
- Measure your swatch over at least 2” and count stitches per inch and rows per inch.
- Wet the swatch in cool water, then squeeze out the water using a towel.
- 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. If your gauge is different, calculate changes in size before you start your project. I can help with this.

“Whitecaps” is so fun to knit, and I think you will love this top as much as I do! Remember to sign up and then mark your calendar for our first meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 10am on zoom. See you there!