SUGAR CLOUD SWEATER

So sweet and cozy, this sweater reminds of clouds of cotton candy or of fluffy marshmallow ♡

It is warm and comfortable, and pairs nicely with both jeans and dresses. The sweater is knitted from the top down using a seamless raglan construction. Wide sleeves and a turtleneck make this garment extra snuggly, while the neck shaping and straight lines guarantee a comfortable fit.

This pattern will work great with any bouclé yarn. It can be adjusted to other yarns as well.

YARN
- 7 (7.5, 8) of 1.75oz/50g skeins of Drops Alpaca Bouclé: 1.75oz/50g, 153yds/140m, 80% alpaca, 15% wool, 5% polyamide

NEEDLES
- US 6/4mm circulars for the ribbing
- US 8/5mm circulars for the body (or size needed to fit the gauge)
- For the body: long straight needles or circular needles on 32″(80cm) cable
- For the sleeves: circular needles on 32″(80cm) cable for magic loop method/ circular needles on 16″(40cm) cable/ a set of dpns

GAUGE
- 20 sts and 25 rows in 4″/10cm in Stockinette Stitch, blocked

NOTIONS
- Stitch markers
- Stitch holders
- Waste yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

FINISHED SIZE: S (M, L):
- Chest 39.4″/100cm (42.5″/108cm, 45.7″/116cm)
- Body length: 19″/48cm, adjustable
- Sleeve circumference 15.7″/40cm (17.3″/44cm, 19″/48cm)
- Sleeve length from armpit: 16.5″/42cm, adjustable
- Size shown: M. Choose the size that matches your chest measurement with approximately 7″/18cm of positive ease

NOTES
- The sweater is knit from the top down. With this approach you can adjust the length of the body and sleeves by trying the garment on while still in the knitting process.
- Raglan increases are made every other row.
- The neck shaping is made using short rows technique. This part of a sweater is knitted back and forth, knitting stitches on RS and purling on WS. Raglan increases in these rows are made on WS.
- I used magic loop method for knitting 2 sleeves at a time, but you can knit them one at a time. Use magic loop, a set of dpns, or any other desired method for knitting small rounds.

ABBREVIATIONS

k	knit	sl	slip
p	purl	tbl	through back loop
R	row, round	sl1wyib	slip 1 stitch with yarn in back * Slip 1 stitch as if to knit holding yarn at the back of work.
RS	right side	sl1wyif	slip 1 stitch with yarn in front * Slip 1 stitch as if to purl holding yarn at the front of work.
WS	wrong side	LLI	left lifted increase (makes +1) * With your left needle, lift the left leg of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on right-hand needle. On RS: knit it through back loop; on WS: purl it through back loop.
BOR	beginning of row (round)	RLI	right lifted increase (makes +1) * With your right needle, lift the right leg of the stitch below the next stitch on left needle up to the left needle. On RS: knit it; on WS: purl it.
M	marker	w&t	wrap and turn * Bring yarn to the front. Slip 1 stitch purlwise. Bring yarn to the back. Return the slipped stitch onto left needle. Turn your work.
EM	edge marker	k1fb	knit 1 in front and back of a stitch (makes +1) * Knit the stitch through the front loop as always, but don't drop it off the left needle. Knit the stitch again through the back loop, and then drop it off.
PM	place marker	k2tog	knit 2sts together (makes -1)
WY	waste yarn	ssk	slip, slip, knit (makes -1) * Slip 2sts as if to knit one by one. Pass them back onto left needle, then knit through back loops together.

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PATTERN

TURTLENECK

With the smaller needles, CO 84 sts. Combine them in a round. PM to mark the BOR.
R1-54: (k1, p1) to BOR.
You can adjust the length of the turtleneck by changing the number of rows.
R55: k11, PM (left sleeve); k34, PM (front); k11, PM (right sleeve); k28 until BOR marker (back).

NECK SHAPING

Switch to the larger needles. Prepare several pieces of waste yarn (WY).
The next 13 rows are knitted back and forth using only a part of stitches on the needles. This will make the back of a sweater a bit higher for more comfortable fit. Raglan shaping starts from R6.

R1 (RS): k until 8sts to BOR, w&t, place WY
R2 (WS): p until 8sts to M, w&t, place WY
R3 (RS): k until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; k until 4sts to BOR, w&t, place WY
R4 (WS): p until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and p2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; p until 4sts to M, w&t, place WY
R5 (RS): k until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; k BOR, sl M, k1, w&t, place WY

Start raglan increases.
R6 (WS): p to BOR, LLI, sl M; p until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and p2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; p to M, sl M, p1, w&t, place WY
R7 (RS): k to M, LLI, sl M, RLI; k to BOR, LLI, sl M; k until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; k3, w&t, place WY
R8 (WS): p to BOR, LLI, sl M; p to M, sl M; p until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and p2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; p3, w&t, place WY
R9 (RS): as R7
R10 (WS): as R8
R11 (RS): k to M, LLI, sl M, RLI; k to BOR, LLI, sl M; k until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; k1 to M, sl M, k2, w&t, place WY
R12 (WS): p to M, LLI, sl M, RLI; p to BOR, LLI, sl M; p to M, sl M; p until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and p2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around; p1 to M, sl M, p2, w&t, place WY

R13 (RS, combining the round): (k to M, LLI, sl M, RLI)x 2; k to BOR, LLI, sl M; k to M, sl M; (k until WY, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around)x 2; (k to M, sl M)x 2, k to BOR.

The next rows are knitted in the round again.
Current stitch distribution: BOR, 16sts - left sleeve, 36sts - front, 16sts - right sleeve, 36sts - back; 104sts total.

RAGLAN PART

Raglan increases are made in every other row.
R1: (RLI, k to M, LLI, sl M)x 3, RLI, k to BOR, LLI
R2: k all sts.
Repeat these two rows for 30 (34, 38) times total. Stop after completing "k all sts" row.
Current number of stitches: 354 (376, 408).

SEPARATING THE SLEEVES

Prepare two pieces of waste yarn appr. 20″/50cm long each.
Take off the BOR marker. Place the first 76 (84, 92)sts on a piece of waste yarn (left sleeve).
Cast on 2sts, place the BOR marker, cast on 2 more sts, k96 (104, 112)sts (front).
Place the next 76 (84, 92)sts on a piece of waste yarn (right sleeve).
Cast on 4 sts, k96 (104, 112)sts (back).
Current stitch distribution: 76 (84, 92)sts - both right and left sleeve; 200 (216, 232)sts - body.

BODY

Knit plain in the round until 2″/5cm to the desired length of the sweater.
For the sample knit the body without the ribbing measured 17″/43cm.

RIBBING
Switch to the smaller needles.
R1-12: (k1, p1) to BOR.

R13 (Bind Off): k1, (slip st back to left needle, k2tog tbl)x until 1 stitch is left.
Video tutorial for this bind off is available here.
Cut the yarn leaving an appr. 6″/15cm tail. Pass it through the last loop and tighten.

SLEEVES

I used magic loop method for knitting 2 sleeves at a time, but you can knit them one by one as well using a set of dpns or magic loop.
Use directions below to knit each of the sleeves.
Transfer 76 (84, 92)sts to the needles.
Pick up 6sts under arm: 4sts that were casted on for the body + 1st from each side to avoid the holes.
Distribute sts on the needles as follows:

FOR MAGIC LOOP:
  - 3 casted on sts + 38 (42, 46)sts; 38 (42, 46)sts + 3 casted on sts; BOR marker.
FOR DPNS:
  - 3 casted on sts + 18 (20, 22)sts; 20 (22, 24)sts; 20 (22, 24)sts; 18 (20, 22)sts + 3 casted on sts; BOR marker.

R1: k2, k2tog, k until last 4sts, ssk, k2.
R2: k all 80 (88, 96) sts.
Knit all sts in the round until sleeves reach appr. 2″/5cm shorter than the desired length from the underarm.
For the sample knit sleeves without the cuffs measured 14.5″/37cm.

CUFFS
Switch to the smaller needles.

<u>Size S:</u>
R1: (k2tog, k3)x 16 = 64sts left
R2: k2tog x 32 = 32sts left

<u>Size M:</u>
R1: (k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4)x 8 = 72sts left
R2: k2tog x 36 = 36sts left

<u>Size L:</u>
R1: (k2tog, k4)x 16 = 80sts left
R2: k2tog x 40 = 40sts left

<u>All sizes:</u>
R3-14: (k1, p1) to BOR.
R15 (elastic Bind Off): k1, (p1, pass the last st from the right needle over; k1, slip the last 2sts back to the left needle, k2tog tbl)x until 1 stitch is left on the needles.
Video tutorial for this Bind Off is available here: https://bit.ly/2uYN5Hy .

Cut the yarn leaving an appr. 6"/15cm tail. Pass it through the last loop and tighten.

<div align="center">FINISHING</div>

Weave in ends. Wash the sweater in lukewarm water. Block it, laying flat to dry.