soft as a cloud

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finished size

32" square, after blocking.

yarn

Juniper Moon Cumulus (94% Cotton, 6% Nylon; 251yds/100 g)

2 balls, shown in color 203 - Desert Rose

needles

US 9 (5.5mm) needles adjust needle size as necessary to obtain gauge.

gauge

17 sts & 24 rows = 4" x 4" in stockinette stitch, after blocking.

notions

tapestry needle, blocking wires and mat (optional) credit card or cardboard form for tassels (optional)



directions

Note: If you wish to do tassels, wind these before beginning to knit to be sure you have enough yarn.

Cast on 5 stitches.

Setup Row 1: K3, yo, k2. **Setup Row 2:** K3, yo, k3.

Increase section:

Row 1(RS): K3, yo, knit to the end of row. Row 2 (WS): K3, yo, purl to the last 3 stitches, k3.

Repeat these 2 rows until almost 1 ball has been used, ending after completing a wrong side row.

Note: If you did not make tassels you are encouraged to stop with approximately 5g of yarn still remaining in your first ball. If you do not have access to a yarn scale stop when you have completed a wrong side row with 131 stitches.

Decrease section:

Row 1 (RS): K2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to end of row. Row 2 (WS): K2, k2tog, yo, p2tog, purl to the last 3 stitches, k3.

Repeat these 2 rows until 9 sts remain.

Finishing Row 1 (RS): K2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k3. Finishing Row 2 (WS): K2, k2tog, yo, p1, k3. Finishing Row 3: K2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k2.

Finishing Row 4: K2, k2tog, k3. Finishing Row 5: K2, k2tog, k2.

Bind off all sts.

Finishing

Weave in ends, block to measurements.

Optional Tassels:

Use a credit card, or cut a small form out of cardboard 3.5" in length. Holding one strand from each ball of yarn, wrap 9 times around.

Using a short length of yarn, slide through one end of these loops and cinch tightly to form the top of the tassel.

Slide the tassel from the form and wrap a length of yarn around the tassel, just below the top tie to finish.

Note: the sample tassels are not cut on the bottom which creates loops. If you prefer you could cut them for fringe instead.

Need a visual? We have a video on our youtube channel showing you how to make tassels: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ja4-DwHF3QA



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