

# FEATHER WEATHER

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Easy, wearable cardigan that is as light as a feather. With minimal shaping and simple construction, this piece is simple to knit and easy to modify should you want a different size. Shoulders are knit at a tighter gauge to hold the cardigan up and prevent sagging. Seamless construction.

## SIZE

The pattern will fit most. The design is very flowy and has a lot of positive ease. The shoulder width as per the instructions is 34cm (Merino Aran shoulder section). The sleeves are very roomy. If you would like to modify the sizing, cast on more (or less) stitches to accommodate your own shoulder width. The rest of the pattern will be easy to figure out as there's no shaping.

## YARN

1x Hedgehog Fibres Merino Aran, 166m/100g, Coral  
3x Hedgehog Fibres Kidsilk Lace 420m/50g, Electric.  
Kidsilk Lace is held double throughout the project.

## NEEDLE

5mm and 12mm circular needle. The project is knitted both flat and in the round.

## GAUGE

Shoulder section - garter stitch:

16.5 stitches and 40 rows = 10cm

Kidsilk Body - garter stitch:

9 stitches and 10 rows = 10 cm

Gauge measurements taken after washing and laying the garment flat.

## ABBREVIATIONS

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

k - knit

sts - stitches

wyif - with yarn in front

k2tog - knit two stitches together

p2tog - purl 2 stitches together

kfb - knit front and back, 1 stitch increase.



## INSTRUCTIONS

Knit all rows - the cardigan is in Garter Stitch.  
Slip all stitches purlwise with yarn in front (only for Shoulder section). Knit all stitches for the body.

### Aran Shoulders:

Using a provisional cast on, 55 stitches with a waste yarn.

I like to use crochet variation:

<http://www.stolenstitches.com/tutorials/cast-ons/provisional-cast-on-crochet-method/>

Using Hedgehog Fibres Aran:  
Knit 30 rows (15 purl ridges)

Row 31, (RS): slip1, k19, cast off 15, knit 20. You can separate the two sections here and put one on stitch markers, but it's not necessary.

Left Front: (see diagram on page 4)

Row 1, (WS): slip 1 wyif, k17, k2tog

Row 2, (RS): p2tog, k17

Row 3, (WS): slip 1 wyif, k15, k2tog

Row 4, (RS): p2tog, k15

Row 5, (WS): slip 1 wyif, k13, k2tog

Row 6, (RS): p2tog, k13

14 stitches left for Left Front.

Knit another 24 rows in garter stitch, slipping all first stitches purlwise wyif.

You should have 60 rows (30 purl ridges) from cast on edge.

Right Front: (see diagram on page 4)

Row 1, (WS): p2tog, k18

Row 2, (RS): slip 1 wyif, k16, k2tog

Row 3, (WS): p2tog, k16

Row 4, (RS): slip 1 wyif, k14, k2tog

Row 5, (WS): p2tog, k14

Row 6, (RS): slip 1 wyif, k12, k2tog

14 stitches left for Right Front.

Knit another 24 rows in garter stitch, slipping all first stitches purlwise wyif.

### Kidsilk Body:

With a 12mm needle and Kidsilk Lace held double.  
Continue on Right Front:

Row 1, (RS): k1, k2 tog 6 times, k1. 8 stitches

Row 2, (WS): k1, kfb, k until 2sts before end of row, kfb, k1

Row 3 (RS): k

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until you have 26 stitches (8 more times).

Repeat for Left Front.

### Back:

Undo provisional cast on and put live stitches onto a 5mm needle, then continue with Kidsilk and 12mm needle as follows:

Row 1, (RS): k1, k2 tog 26 times, k1. 28 stitches

Row 2, (WS): k1, kfb, until 2sts before end of row, kfb, k1

Row 3 (RS): k

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until you have 46 stitches (8 more times).

Join the two fronts and the back into a cardigan. Knit until desired length. Please keep in mind the Kidsilk might stretch after washing, for a floor length cardigan finish approx. mid-calf.

Last Row, (WS): k2tog the whole row.

Cast off on RS, no need for any special stretchy cast offs, I prefer the edge to hold in a bit.





### Sleeves:

Pick up and knit 37 stitches around armhole starting at underarm. Pick up from RS, one stitch per garter ridge and one for every second stitch at the Aran section. For neater finish pick up and knit there first and last stitch of the Aran section.

Join in the round, purl the next round.  
Alternate knit and purl rows (to get garter stitch in the round).

Knit the sleeve without shaping, until desired length.  
Knit Row: k2tog the whole row.  
Cast off on Purl Row, no need for any special stretchy cast offs, I prefer the edge to hold in a bit.  
Repeat for the other sleeve.

Weave in all ends. Wash gently and lay the garment flat to block.

### SCRAPPY VERSION

I used Hedgehog Fibres Aran in Graphite for the shoulders.

For the body held 2 strands throughout this multicolour project, one of which was Hedgehog Fibres Kidsilk Lace (in different colours).

The second strand was either another Kidsilk colour, or I also used bits and bobs from my stash: Skinny Singles (Hedgehog Fibres), unknown shiny yarn, lace weight scraps (eyelash lace is by Habu).  
Anything thin goes.

High contrast colours held together create a beautiful marbled effect.

I spliced the ends whenever possible.

Have fun with it!





