

Audrey Cardigan

This sweater is knit from the bottom up in one piece until the armholes. At that point, you split the fronts and back into three sections. The two front sections have a small lace section which is very straightforward. Then the shoulder seams are joined with a three-needle bind off and the sleeves are picked up and knit down from the armholes in the round.

The sweater pattern is customizable with different sleeve length options (sleeveless, short sleeves, $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves or long sleeves) and two different neckline finish options, and two different body silhouettes (shorter and more fitted or a longer, A-line style). The pattern has 16 sizes from 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " – 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished. The purple class sample is the more fitted silhouette.

This is an intermediate knitting class and there will be quite a bit of knitting between classes since the sweater is knit at a smaller gauge – which makes it more wearable, but means more homework!

We will learn/practice:

- Pattern reading – and picking the right size and checking our gauge
- Short rows for the shoulder shaping and the sleeve caps
- A very basic lace pattern (written only – no charts!)
- Picking up stitches for the sleeves and button bands
- I-cord bind off (optional)
- Buttonholes
- Three-needle bind off to join the shoulder seams
- Knitting in the round for the sleeves (on dpns or magic loop)

Required Materials:

- The pattern – **Audrey in Unst** – available from The Shetland Trader on Ravelry
- Yarn for your size sweater that will achieve a **gauge of 24 sts x 34 rows = 4"** in stockinette. You can use a sport weight yarn such as Arroyo, Rylie, or Moonshine Fine, but you may also substitute a heavier fingering weight or a lighter DK weight **as long as you can get gauge!** Something that has approximately 275-380 yds per 100gm is probably in the right range to start. The purple class sample was knit in Madelintosh Pashmina which is no longer available. Note – this designer does not overestimate the yardage required – when in doubt buy a little more yarn for this one, or plan on shorter sleeves if necessary.
- Needles – both a longer cable needle (32" or 40") and dpns (or 40" circular for magic loop) in the size you need for your gauge, and a size **larger**. For many of you this will be US sizes 4 and 5. We start with the body on this sweater, and the sleeves are knit last. Note - The 16" circular is optional – you may want to use it for the 3 needle bind off or the sleeves. The smaller size needle is **ONLY** for the button bands at the end.
- 11 or 12 small buttons 7/16" diameter
- Stitch markers, scrap yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle