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Cloud Cotton Lace Top
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Materials:
6 (7, 8) balls Estelle Cloud Cotton
3.75mm and 4.5mm needles or size needed to obtain gauge
3.75mm 60cm circular needle
stitch holders
Gauge: 18 sts and 24 rows = 4 inches on larger needles in stocking st.
Sizes: small, (medium, large)
Finished measurements: 36 (41, 46) inches
Length: 23½, (24, 24½) inches
Sleeve length: 13, (13½, 14) inches

Back:
With smaller needles, cast on 85 (97, 109) sts & knit 4 rows. Change to larger needles & begin lace patt:
Row 1: *p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k3, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k3, k2tog. repeat from * 6 (7,8) times, p1.
Row 2, and every wrong side row, purl.
Row 3: *p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k2, yfwd, k3, yfwd, k2, k2tog rep from * 6 (7,8) times, p1.
Row 5: *p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k1, yfwd, k5, yfwd, k1, k2tog rep from * 6 (7,8) times, p1.
Row 7: * k1, yfwd, k3, k2tog. p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k3, yfwd, rep from * 6 (7,8) times, k1.
Row 9: *k2, yfwd, k2, k2tog. p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k2, yfwd, k1, rep from * 6 (7,8) times, k1.
Row 11: *k3, yfwd, k1, k2tog. p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k1, yfwd, k2, rep from * 6 (7,8) times, k1.
Row 12: purl
These 12 rows make one patt rep. Work 2 more patt repeats.
Knit 30 (36, 42) sts, cont lace patt as est over the centre 25 sts, k to end. Purl 1 row.
Cont in this manner, working a dec row on the next row, & on the following 25th row. Dec row: k1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, sl 1, k 1, psso, k1. 81, (93, 105) sts rem.
Work until back meas 15" from beg.
Shape armholes: cast off 2 sts. at the beg of the next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of the next row & following 4 alt rows. 67 (79, 91) sts rem.
Work even until armhole from cast off meas 8 (8½, 8¾)".   Next row: cast off the centre 25 sts, k to end.   Working on RHS, p 1 row. Cast off 4 sts at neck edge, k to end. P 1 row. Leave rem sts on holder. Working on LHS, join yarn at neck edge, cast off 4 sts, p to end. Work 2 rows, leave rem sts on a holder.

Front:
Work as given for back until work is 10 (12, 14) rows less than back. On the next RS row, cast off the centre 25 sts, k to end. Work 9 (11, 13) more rows on ea side, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 right side rows. Using the 3 needle bind-off method, join shoulder seams.
Sleeve:
With smaller needles, cast on 53 sts, k 4 rows. Change to larger needles & beg lace patt & at the same time work inc on 7th & every foll 6th row 12 times to 77 sts, (med: on 5th & every foll 4th row 6 times, then on every foll 6th row 8 times to 81 sts; large: on 5th and every foll 4th row 10 times, then on every foll 6th row 6 times to 85 sts.) Work increased stitches in st st.
Row 1: k2,*p1, sl1, k 1, psso, k3, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k3, k2tog. Repeat from * to last 3 sts, p1, k2.
Row 2 and every wrong side row: purl

Row 3: k2, *p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k2, yfwd, k3, yfwd k2, k2tog rep from * to last 3 sts, p1, k2.
Row 5: k2, *p1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k1, yfwd, k5, yfwd, k1, k2tog rep from * to last 3 sts, p1, k2.
Row 7: k2, *k1, yfwd, k3, k2tog, p1, sl1,k1,psso, k3, yfwd, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 9: k2, *k2, yfwd, k2 k2tog, p1, sl1, k1, psso, k2, yfwd, k1, rep from * to last 3sts, k3.
Row 11: k2, *k3, yfwd, k1, k2tog, p1, sl1, k1, psso, k1, yfwd, k2, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 12: purl
Repeat these 12 rows once more.
Cont to work lace patt as est on the centre 13 sts, & in st st on either side, cont to work inc as given above.
Cont even until sleeve meas 13 (13½, 14)" from beg.
Cast off 2 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at ea end on the next row, & foll 4 alt rows. 63 (67, 71) sts rem.
P 1 row. Cast off 8 sts at the beg of the next 4 rows. Cast off rem sts.
Sew in sleeves. Sew side & sleeve seams.
Using 3.75 circular needle, pick up 78(82, 86) sts around neck. Join & p 1 round, k 1 round, p 1 round, cast off.