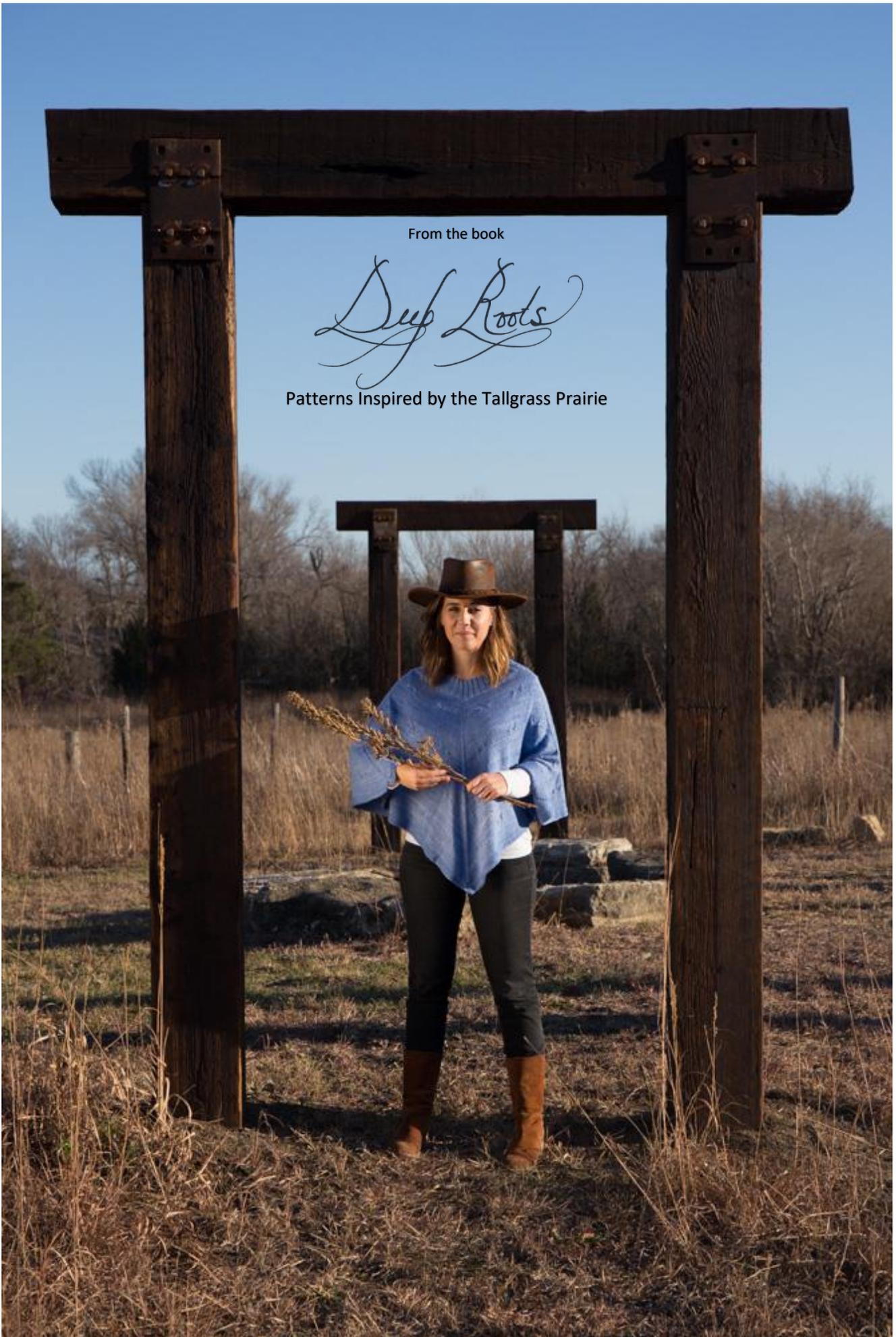


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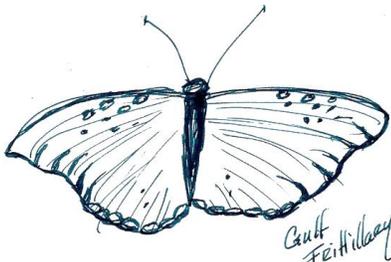
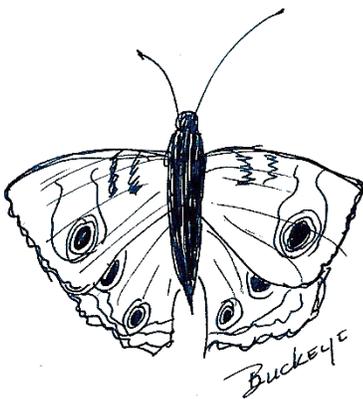
## 56 BUTTERFLIES

“You have to get out in the prairie to understand it,” said Jane Koger, a fifth generation Kansas rancher during my visit to her land, which stretches almost as far as the eye can see. That’s saying a lot in the Flint Hills of Kansas, where Jane’s ranch lies.

To prove her point, Jane mentioned that a survey of flora and fauna on her land turned up 56 species of butterflies, which was far more than she would have guessed. To her, that diversity of species of butterflies told her that she was doing something right by her land; that she had created not a pasture full of one type of life, but a prairie full of abundance and diversity.

Jane’s outlook on her land and her work are an inspiration. Because of my time with her I designed the 56 Butterflies Poncho, which is an easy piece to knit. It’s worked in the round with each of the four panels depicting fourteen butterflies as small cables.

Four panels of fourteen butterflies equals fifty-six butterflies.



## Materials:

**Yarn:** Lost City Knits Twin Canyon Merino Silk Fingering (3 skeins)

**Alternate Yarn:** Jamieson & Smith Jumper Weight (10 balls)

**Yardage:** 1230 yards / 1125 meters

**Color Shown in Sample:** Quiet

**Needle Size:** 4 US / 3.5 mm circular

**Gauge:** 12 stitches / 18 rounds per 2 inches after blocking

**Finished Size:** 25 inches / 64 cm along each spine  
120 inches / 305 cm bottom perimeter



### **Garter Edging of First Half and Bind Off**

The next portion of this poncho creates a garter stitch edging across the first two sections followed by binding off. While the first two sections are worked, the stitches of the last two sections remain live, but wait in the wings for their turn.

Row 131 (RS) - knit across the first two sections (increasing as established), turn work. Row 132 (WS) - knit back across the first two sections. Work back and forth across these two sections in garter stitch (increasing on odd-numbered rows) until Row 140 is complete. Bind off these two sections on RS.

### **Garter Edging of Second Half and Bind off**

Row 131 (RS) - knit across the last two sections (increasing as established), turn work. Row 132 (WS) knit back across the last two sections. Work back and forth across these two sections in garter stitch (increasing on odd-numbered rows) until Row 140 is complete. Bind off these two sections on RS. Break the yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail to weave in after blocking.

