

Mead Scarf

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I was given a lovely skein of hand-spun fingering weight alpaca for my birthday last year. It took me a while to come up with the best use for it. Eventually I realized the yarn should become a very simple, geometric lace scarf.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 48 st. Work seed st. for 7 rows.

Seed st: Row 1: k1, p1; repeat across. Row 2: P1, k1; repeat across.

In lace section of scarf, work seed stitch for first and last 5 st of each row. Follow lace chart over center 38 st. Work until scarf measures approximately 58 inches or desired length, ending after Row 12 of pattern repeat. Work seven rows of seed st. Bind off loosely.

FINISHING

Lace requires hard blocking to open up holes and show the pattern. Dampen scarf. Pin out on blocking surface. (Use your preferred method.)

Note: I threaded nylon twine through the perimeter of the scarf while still dry and used T-pins to hold the damp knitting open on a sheet of rigid foam.

Use a small tapestry needle to darn in ends. Enjoy!



SIZES

one size

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. Involves simple lace and following a chart

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: approx. 63", blocked
Width: approx. 11" blocked.

GAUGE

Gauge is not important, as long as you are happy with the drape and density of your scarf.

MATERIALS

YARN

Fingering weight alpaca approx. 100 grams/400 yards

NEEDLES

US #2 straight needles
Or size necessary to create a pleasing lace .

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

