Knit a Ribbed Scarf with a Crocheted Edging

his springy scarf is modeled after one featured in Volume 6 of Weldon's Practical Needlework (Facsimile reproduction, Loveland, Colorado: Interweave Press, 2002). The original was worked in fingering-weight wool in two sections, each worked downward from the center back neck. I knitted this version in a DK-weight alpaca from one end to the other, eliminating the bulky join at the center neck. A few rows of eyelets followed by a fancy crochet edging widen the ends of the scarf and add a lacy touch to the sturdy ribbed pattern.



MATERIALS

Alpaca with a Twist Baby Twist (DK-weight), 100% baby alpaca yarn, 110 yards (100 m)/50 g ball, 3 balls of #4004 green

Needles, two size 8 (5 mm)

Crochet hook, size I/9 (5.5 mm)

Tapestry needle

Materials are available at yarn and needlework stores or from mail-order or online resources.

Finished size: About 4¼ inches (11 cm) wide and 49 inches (125 cm) long

Gauge: About 19 sts and 12 rows = 2 inches (5 cm) in textured rib pattern, relaxed; 10 sts and 14 rows = 2 inches (5 cm) in stockinette stitch on size 8 (5 mm) needles; obtaining exact gauge is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

BO—bind off

ch—chain

CO—cast on

dc—double crochet

k-knit

k2tog—knit 2 stitches together

p—purl

patt—pattern

rep-repeat

RS—right side

sl—slip

st(s)—stitch(es)

tr—triple crochet

WS—wrong side

yo—yarn over

HANDSPUN VERSION by Liz Gipson

Fiber: 5 ounce medium brown alpaca

Preparation: Combed

Drafting method: Short draw

Wheel: Louet Victoria

Singles direction: Z (clockwise)
Plied direction: S (counterclockwise)

Total yardage: 187 (5 ounces)

Yards per pound: 600 Wraps per inch: 13

Yarn classification: 2-ply worsted

Gauge: About 9 stitches and 12 rows=2 inches in

stockinette stitch

Finished size: 6½ inches wide and 35 inches long. Note: Because this is a worsted-style yarn and fairly dense, a short length is recommended so the scarf won't pull out of shape. See post on 10/6/2008 on knittingdaily.com for details about how this yarn was spun.



A handspun version of the Weldon's scarf in progress. Photo by Ann Sabin Swanson

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 41 sts.

Beginning Border

Row 1: (RS) Sl 1 as if to p, p1, *k1, p3; rep from * to last 3 sts, k1, p1, k1.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 as if to k, *p3, k1; rep from * to end of row. Row 3: Sl 1 as if to p, *yo, k2tog, k2; rep from * to end of row. Row 4: Sl 1 as if to k, p to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 1-4 two more times—12 rows total.

Scarf Center

Work textured rib patt as follows,

Row 1: (RS) Sl 1 as if to p, p1, *k1, p3; rep from * to last 3 sts, k1, p1, k1.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 as if to k, *p3, k1; rep from * to end of row.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures about 46 inches (117 cm) from CO, ending with a WS row.

Ending Border

Row 1: (RS) Sl 1 as if to p, *yo, k2tog, k2; rep from * to end of row.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 as if to k, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: Sl 1 as if to p, p1, *k1, p3; rep from * to last 3 sts, k1, p1, k1.

Row 4: Sl 1 as if to k, *p3, k1; rep from * to end of row.

Rep Rows 1-4 two more times—12 rows total in ending border.

BO all sts.

Crochet Edging

With RS facing, join yarn to first yo eyelet at right-hand edge of scarf. Using crochet hook, *Work 1 dc, ch3, 2 tr all in same eyelet; rep from * for each eyelet, ending with 1 dc in selvedge st at end of row. Fasten off last st. Rep for other end of scarf.

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.

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