Lace Tam and Scarf Set

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Materials
Yarn: Debbie Bliss Alpaca Silk DK, 2 skeins, color 26005 (red) for hat -- or any yarn of similar weight
Needles: Set of 4 double-pointed and 20" circular US 4 (3.5 mm) and 20" circular US 2 (3 mm) or correct needles to obtain gauge. Note: if you tend to knit ribbing loosely, you may need to use a US 1 needle for the Seed Rib.
Accessories: Tapestry needle; waste yarn; stitch marker; ~10" plate for blocking
Measurements: Approx. 10-11" in diameter
Gauge: 23 sts & 36 Rows over 4"

Notes on Chart
As tam is knit in the round, read all rows on chart from right to left.
On first double decrease of rnd (symbol = //), slip last st from previous rnd as to knit, remove marker, k2tog, psso (passover). Move st just worked to left needle, replace marker, return st to right needle and continue rnd.

Start Tam --
With 20" circular US 2, CO 144 sts. Join without twisting to work in the round. Place marker to indicate beg of rnd. Work the 2 rnds of Seed Rib x 5 (10 rnds total).

Seed Rib
Rnd 1: *k1, p3; rep from * to end
Rnd 2: k2, p1, *k3, p1; rep from * to last st, k1

Change to 20" circular US 4 and work 5 rpts (10 rnds total) of the following 2 rnds:

Rnd 1: k7, p1, k1, p1, *k13, p1, k1, p1; rep from * to last 6 sts, k6.
Rnd 2: knit

Start the 48 rnds of Chart, changing to dpns when sts become too stretched. The chart shows a single 16-stitch repeat. There are a total of 9 pattern repeats (16x9=144 sts). The stitch count changes as the decreases are completed starting on round 21. It is helpful to place a marker between each repeat, though you may find them inconvenient as the pattern progresses.

If adding optional I-cord on top, k3tog x 3 and knit 1-2 ½ inches of I-cord.

Break yarn, thread onto darning needle, draw through rem sts, and push through hole to inside. Pull tight to close and. Opt. I-Cord: Weave end into I-cord and work end down through I-cord to hat and sew securely to inside. Tie knot in 2 ½ inch I-cord or leave un-knotted if doing 1" I-cord.

Finishing:
Weave in ends. Immerse tam in cool water. Gently squeeze out excess water without wringing. Place tam on a dinner plate approx. 10-11" in diameter. Use darning needle to weave a piece of waste yarn through Seed Rib close to cast-on edge*. Tighten waste yarn to shape tam. Allow to dry completely. See page 3 for photos of blocking instructions.

*Thread waste yarn through the knit st (every 4th st) closest to cast on edge.
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3 sts (Opt for I-cord)

9 sts

18 sts

36 sts

54 sts

72 sts

90 sts

108 sts

126 sts

144 sts

16 st repeat

Key to Chart

= blank square = knit st
\ = k2tog
/ = ssk
0 = yarnover

Note: On first double decrease of rnd, slip last st from previous rnd as to knit, remove marker, k2tog, psso. Move st just worked to left needle, replace marker, return st to right needle and continue rnd
Blocking Instructions

Select plate 10-11 inches in diameter. Wet hat thoroughly and gently squeeze out excess water without wringing. Place tam over plate.

Draw tapestry needle with waste yarn through every 4\textsuperscript{th} stitch, which is the knit stitch of the seed stitch rib.

Pull waste yarn up tightly and tie. Let hat dry completely and voilà!
Finished Tam

Inside of Tam

Outside of Tam
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Materials
Yarn:  Debbie Bliss Alpaca Silk DK, 4 skeins, color 26005 (red) for scarf  or any yarn of similar weight
Needles:  US 4 (3.5 mm) or correct needles to obtain gauge
Accessories:  Stitch markers
Measurements:  ~6” wide by 60-64 inches in length;  
                 Note: each skein will yield approx. 16” in length so length can be adjusted
Gauge:  23 sts & 36 Rows over 4”

Notes on Chart
Scarf is knit back and forth.  Read RS rows on chart from right to left and WS rows left to right.

Abbrevs
CO = cast on  
RS = right side  
Sl2 wyif = slip 2 sts as to purl with yarn in front  
WS = wrong side  
pm = place marker  
psso = passover (pass slipped st over sts just worked)
sm = slip marker  

Start Scarf
With US 5 needles, CO 35 sts.  
Maintain continuity of first 5 and last 5 sts throughout.  These edge sts are worked in the same manner for all RS and WS rows as follows:

1st 5 sts (all RS and WS rows):  k3, p1, k1  
Last 5 sts (all RS and WS rows):  k1, p1, k1, sl2 wyif

Work bottom border as follows:
Work the following 2 rows 4 times (8 rows total), ending on a WS row (RS row facing for next row):

Row 1 (RS):  1st 5 edge sts, pm, k2, (p1, k3) x 5, p1, k2, pm, last 5 edge sts  
Row 2 (WS):  1st 5 edge sts, sm, (p1, k3) x 6, p1, sm, last 5 edge sts

Work the next 2 rows a total of 3 times (6 rows total), ending on a WS row (RS row facing for next row):

Row 1 (RS):  1st 5 edge sts, sm, k25, sm, last 5 edge sts  
Row 2 (WS):  1st 5 edge sts, sm, p1, k1, p9, k1, p1, k1, p9, k1, p5, sm, last 5 edge sts

Start chart:
Keeping the continuity of the first 5 sts and last 5 sts as set, work the center 25 sts between markers using the Chart as follows:

Work rows 1-8 once; work rows 9-16 until scarf measures approx. 3” less than desired length of scarf;  
work rows 17-26 once, ending on a WS row (RS row facing for next row).

Work the next 2 rows 3 times (6 rows total), ending on a WS row (RS row facing for next row):

Row 1 (RS):  1st 5 edge sts, sm, k25, sm, last 5 edge sts  
Row 2 (WS):  1st 5 edge sts, sm, p5, k1, p1, k1, p9, p9, k1, p1, k5, sm, last 5 edge sts
Rep the following 2 rows 4 times (8 rows total), ending on a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): 1st 5 edge sts, sm, (p1, k3) x 6, p1, sm, last 5 edge sts
Row 2 (WS): 1st 5 edge sts, sm, k2, (p1, k3) x 5, p1, k2, sm, last 5 edge sts

Bind off in pattern. Block gently by steaming or wetblocking, making sure to stretch side edges to full length of scarf. Cut 50 strands of yarn 14” long. Using 5 strands held together, attach 5 fringes evenly spaced to each end of scarf. Trim ends of fringe.

Chart

Key to Chart
☐ = blank square = stockinette stitch: knit on RS, purl on WS
/ = k2tog
\ = ssk
0 = yarnover
//\ = double decrease = slip 1 st as to knit, k2tog, psso