

EMMA'S LIGHT AND LACY DUET

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ABOUT EVERYTHING ALPACA

Everything Alpaca is a yarn store and boutique showcasing alpaca fiber and other natural wonders. It is run by a dedicated group of alpaca breeders and fiber enthusiasts. We have a large selection of local Colorado ranch yarns, along with our ever growing line of commercial natural fiber yarns - merino, silk, bamboo, cotton, to name a few, and of course, our beloved alpaca fiber. We are Castle Rock's only full service local yarn store and carry spinning wheels, looms, and needle felting supplies in conjunction with our knitting and crochet services. Our boutique offers our famous alpaca socks, and other fashion items such as hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters, shawls/wraps, coats/jackets for men, women and children. Come find your treasure at Everything Alpaca. It will be a most unique experience... we promise!

NOTES Two years ago, my best friend and I were yarn store hopping in Florida while on vacation. We ran into a nice shop - Four Pearls - in Winter Haven, FL. A very nice, enthusiastic couple owned the store. We spent a long afternoon there getting to know them and shop their yarns. In March 2018, my friend and I went to Vogue Knitting Live in Chicago, and we kept running into Emma, a 16-year-old young lady. In the hotel elevator, at the restaurants, etc. My friend told me she saw a vendor booth called Emma's Yarn. It turns out Emma has her own hand painted yarn business. Her recently college-graduated sister helps her run the business. We were so impressed that Emma was such an entrepreneur rather than sitting on her phone on social media all day, we just had to visit with her and buy some of her luscious yarn. As we were learning about the amazing Emma, we discovered that she lives in Florida, that her mom has a yarn shop, and as the story unfolded, we quickly realized, to our amazement, it was Four Pearls in Winter Haven. Coincidence? We think it was a Devine intervention. So, we will be stocking Emma's yarn, supporting her growing business and rewarding her efforts. I decided to feature it for this year's yarn crawl. Not only is her story inspiring, but her yarns are wonderful, and her eye for color... well, you will have to check it out for yourself! She is also a pattern designer and has patterns to support her yarn line. We told you she was amazing!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Hat - 10" long, 10.5" wide at base of hat

Cowl - 11.5 inches long, 16 inches wide at widest width (bottom of cowl)



PATTERN GAUGE

22 st/4 in in stockinette stitch on size 7 needles

YARN 1 skein of Emma's Practically Perfect Sock Yarn
80% superwash merino and 20% nylon
2 ply 100g/400 yards

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

24" circular needles, sizes 7 and 8
Stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS/ STITCH GLOSSARY

k - knit

p - purl

ss - stockinette stitch

yo - yarn over

skp - slip 1 stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch

k2tog - knit 2 together

bo - bind off

pm - place marker



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This elegant and feminine slouch hat and cowl ensemble is knit in the round utilizing a 4-row repeat nested fan lace pattern.

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 9 stitches, 4 rounds)

RND 1: *K1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo; repeat from * to end.

RND 2 AND ALL EVEN ROWS: knit.

RND 3: *Yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; repeat from * to end.

RND 4: knit.

H A T

With 24" size 8 circular needles, cast on 108 stitches. Being careful not to twist stitches, place a marker and join in the round.

Purl 1 row.

Switch to 24" size 7 circular needles.

Start pattern stitch over 108 stitches (12 pattern repeats)

Continue until piece measures 6 inches, ending with row 4 completed.

Start decreasing as follows:

RND 1: *K3, skp, k4; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo; repeat to end of round.

RND 2 and all even rows: Knit.

RND 3: *K3, k2tog, k3; yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round.

RND 5: *K2, skp, k3; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog; k2, yo. Repeat to end of round.

RND 7: *K2, k2tog, k2; yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1.

Repeat to end of round.

RND 9: *K1, skp, k2; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, pm*.

Repeat to end of round.

RND 11: *K1, k2tog, k1; yo, k2, skp, k2tog, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round.

RND 13: *Skp, k1; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round.

RND 15: *K2tog; yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round.

RND 17: *K2tog, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo. Repeat to end of round.

RND 18: 54 stitches remain. Knit around.

RND 19: *K3, k2tog, k4, remove marker; yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round

Switch as necessary to double point needles, Flip Stix or use magic loop to finish.

RND 21: *K3, skp, k3; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo. Repeat from *around.

RND 23: *K2, k2tog, k3; year-old, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, year-old, k1. Repeat from * around.

RND 25: *K2, skp, k2; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo. Repeat from * around.

RND 27: *K1, k2tog, k2; year-old, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat from * around.

RND 29: *K1, skp, k1; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo. Repeat from * around.

RND 31: *K2 tog, k1; year-old, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo, k1.

Repeat from * around.

RND 33: *Skp; k1, yo, k2, skp, k2tog, k2, yo. Repeat from * around.

RND 35: *K2tog; repeat from * around.

RND 37: *K2tog; repeat from * around to last st; k1.

Cut yarn leaving a 6-inch tail.

Gather remaining stitches with yarn tail on a yarn needle. Secure with a knot and weave in ends.

C O W L

With 24" size 8 circular needles, cast on 90 stitches.

Place marker, and being careful to not twist stitches, join in the round.

Purl one row.

Switch to 24" size 7 circular needles.

Work pattern over 90 stitches (10 pattern repeats) for 4 inches, ending with row 4 completed.

Begin first increase section as follows.

Knit 3 rounds.

Increase round: *K2, yo; repeat from * around, increasing to 135 stitches.

Knit 3 rounds.

Start pattern on 135 stitches (15 pattern repeats). Continue for 3 more inches ending with row 4 completed.

Begin second increase section as follows:

Knit 3 rounds.

Increase round: *K5, yo; repeat from * around to last stitch; k1. 27 stitch increase to total of 162 stitches.

Knit 3 rounds.

Start pattern again (18 pattern repeats) and continue for 3 inches, ending with row 4 of pattern completed.

Do a loose bind off as follows: *k1, yo, k1 and pass previous K1 and yo over last knit stitch. Repeat around to last stitch.

Cut yarn and pass through last stitch left on needle.

Weave in yarn end. Wet block. Then wear it and enjoy the compliments!