

Simply sumptuous... suri and silk

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I love spinning luxury fibres and the suri blended with silk was certainly divine to spin. The resulting yarn is soft and has a wonderful sheen.

Materials

- 4.5mm 40cm(16in) circular needle (or size required to obtain gauge)
- 215m (250yds) of worsted weight yarn (approx. 12-14 wraps per inch)
- Stitch marker

Gauge

5 stitches per inch in stocking stitch

Abbreviations

Yo: Yarn over

Sk2p: Slip 1 st knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

Finished size: Approx. 50cm(20in) circumference and 15cm(6in) wide

Cast on 110 sts. Join without twisting and place marker to mark beginning of round.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: Purl

Round 3: Knit

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 one more time.

Now work the vine stitch as follows:

Row 1 *k3, yo, k5, yo, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times



Row 2 and all even rows

Remove marker, knit one st, replace marker, knit to end of row

Row 3 *k2, yo, k1, yo, k5, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times

Row 5 *k1, yo, k3, yo, k4, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times

Row 7 *yo, k5, yo, k3, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times

Row 9 *k5, yo, k1, yo, k2, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times

Row 11 *k4, yo, k3, yo, k1, sk2p, repeat from * 9 more times

Repeat the 12 rows of the vine pattern until the cowl measures 14cm(5.75in) from the cast on edge.

Next round: Purl

Next round: Knit

Repeat these two rounds one more time then cast off loosely.

Wash and block.



If you haven't spun Suri alpaca before there is a wealth of information in the Creative Fibre publication "Spinning Camelid Fibre" by Doe Arnot. More information on the Administration page at www.creativefibre.org.nz