Amsterdam Lace Scarf

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On vacation in Europe, I admired the lacy, crocheted scarves popular with young women in Amsterdam, which they wore bundled up under their coats. I bought some pink wool in a yarn shop there and decided to improvise a similar version in knit. Stuck on a train, with no patterns or internet access, I used trial and error to come up with this simple lace pattern. It's easy to memorize and great for traveling.

Finished Measurements: 43 inches by 19 inches (not including fringe)

Gauge: 14 st per 4 inches (gauge is not crucial for this pattern)

Yarn: sample knit with Rowan Pure Wool DK, 2 balls (272 yds.), and used every bit of those 2 balls

Needle Size: 8 US / 5 mm

NOTES

As this is knit from the point out, it's easily adaptable to any weight yarn.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit

st = stitch

YO = yarn over (increase)

K3tog tbl = knit three stitches together through the back loops (decrease)

(alternatively, you can work this decrease: slip one knitwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over)

PATTERN

Cast on 5 stitches.

Row 1: K1, YO, knit to last st, YO, K1

Row 2: K2, purl to last 2 st, K2

Row 3: K1, YO, *K1, YO, K3tog tbl, YO, repeat from * to last two st, K1, YO, K1

Row 4: K2, purl to last 2 st, K2

Repeat these 4 rows until scarf is desired size, ending with a row 2.

Bind off knitwise.

Wash and block.

Fringe may be added if desired.

