

A Campfire Tam

Needles either 3 and 7 16 inch circular

Or 4 and 8 depending on yarn thickness

And size 7 or 8 double points

About 1/6 of an oz of two colors of 4 ply cashmere

(With the Sarah's 4 ply cashmere I use size 4) (With the Handmaiden I use size 3)

Your stash

Cast on 70 stitches with 16 inch circular needle. I use a double cast-on.

And generally I cast on with the color I am going to use for the knit stitch in the rib.

Join, (being careful not to twist) add a second color and knit one, pearl one, alternating the colors.

Knit about 1 inch to 1 1/2 inch or 7-10 rows, or whatever appeals to you.

(I know this fits my head and I'm a pretty average hat size, but if in doubt, put stitches on a piece of yarn and check, before you have invested too much time). The band will stretch.

Change to the larger needles, and knit 2 and increase 1 in the second stitch, repeat until you have completed the row and have 105 stitches on the needle.

Now you can play for 4 inches with alternating colors, yarns, patterns, etc. Whatever suites your fancy and stash.

At 4 inches (from the end of rib band where you increased to 105 stitches) divide into 7 sections of 15, placing markers. (If you want a floppier tam, knit more than 4 inches.) Yarns and gauges vary.

Next row, k 7, k2together, knit 6.

Knit a row

Then k 6, slip two stitches together knitwise, k 1, pass two slipped stitches over, k 5 (this is called a double decrease)

Knit a row

Then k 5, slip two stitches together knitwise, k 1, pass two slipped stitches over, k 4

Knit a row

Continue decreasing every other row.

At some point I change to double pointed needles.

When you end up with 7 stitches either draw up or make some eye cord!

Add a bead or button to end of eye cord.

Weave in ends and then block.

I moisten completely squeeze out excess water and shape over a plate.