

Color-Patterned Hat

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This was originally created as a teaching tool for a class of middle-sized kids. Some of it may seem elementary as a result, even though you have to imagine that there was further explanation in various places to make it all work in the classroom setting.

Materials...

1 - 100g ball (210yds) Patons DECOR (75% acrylic/25% superwash wool) for main color (MC)

1 - 100g ball DECOR in a contrasting color (CC)

[There's enough yarn to make a second hat with the colors reversed.]

#8 - 20" Addi circular needle

set of #8 double-pointed needles

Cast on 72 stitches... using MC and circular needle... and using the traditional "long-tail" cast-on... allow 1" per stitch for your *long tail*.

Join into a circle... and work around in ***Knit 2, Purl 2*** ribbing.

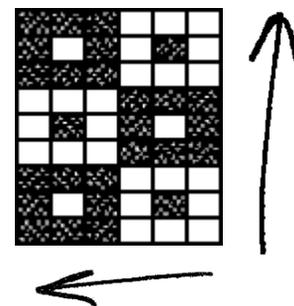
...after a couple of rounds, place a marker in the first stitch (st) of the round.

After about 1", cut MC (leaving a 4" end) and begin ribbing with CC (also leaving a 4" end)... After working a few stitches (sts), tie the 2 ends in a cute little bow... we'll deal with these ends later. **Work 3 rounds of the CC.** Break it off (leaving 4"). Continue ribbing with MC ...until work measures **about 2"** for a small flat border ...**OR...** until work measures **about 5"** for a turned-up cuff (much warmer around the ears!).

Increase Round - *K 5 sts plain, then K into front and back of next st, repeat from * around..... 84 sts now on your needle.

K 4 rounds plain. (Move your marker up, if you haven't already.)

Begin chart, reading it from right-to-left and from bottom-to-top... exactly the way your knitting goes! Whichever hand you've been holding the yarn in, leave your MC there and pick up the CC with the *other* hand... this is an excellent way to get acquainted with the "other" way of holding the yarn!



After the 9-row pattern, break off CC. Continuing with MC, **K 4 rounds plain**... or a little more if you need to... **TRY IT ON!** Move marker up again.

WAHOO!... nearly done!

Crown Decreasing - (there will be 7 spiraling decrease "points".)

Round (Rnd) 1 - *K 10, K 2 together (tog)* around.

Rnd 2 - K plain.

Rnd 3 - *K 9, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 4 - K plain.

Rnd 5 - *K 8, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 6 - K plain.

Rnd 7 - *K 7, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 8 - K plain....

...This will be your last plain rnd... and work this rnd onto your **double-pointed needles** by working 16 sts onto first needle, 16 sts onto second needle, and 24 sts onto third needle... You will knit with the fourth needle from here on, working your way around the triangle to the very end.

We now flatten off the top!

Rnd 9 - *K 6, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 10 - *K 5, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 11 - *K 4, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 12 - *K 3, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 13 - *K 2, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 14 - *K 1, K 2 tog* around.

Rnd 15 - *K 2 tog* around.

Break yarn, leaving about 6" end...Cinch up last 7 sts with a large tapestry needle... draw yarn through them again and work in all ends. Wear your new hat proudly!

Hugs to all 

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