

COLOR WORK BEANIE

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This hat is designed as an introduction to the Stranded Color Work knitting technique which is associated with “Fair Isle” and Nordic style patterning.

Materials

200 yds worsted weight yarn, divided, with at least 2 colors, more if desired
 US size 6 (4mm) or 7 (4.5mm) Circular needles, to achieve desired fit
 Double point needles (or 2 circs) for crown finishing
 8 Stitch markers

Sizes (2)

Child 8-yrs to Adult Medium (Adult Large)

Gauge

5 sts = 1” over stockinette stitch for loose fitting hat (use size 7 needles)
 5.25 sts = 1” for snug fitting hat (use size 6 needles)

BRIM

Loosely cast on 104 (112) sts. Join to knit in the round taking care not to twist sts. Place marker to indicate beginning and end of rnds. Work 2x2 ribbing *(k2, p2), repeat from * to end of rnd until brim measures 1.5” (2”).

PATTERNING

Beginning at the *lower right corner of the chart (Row 1, Stitch 1)* follow the 4 sts of the chart repeating it 26 (28) times for a complete rnd. Work through Row 26 of chart **changing colors as you choose at the beginning of a new rnd.**

Then, if hat measures less than 6.25” (7.25”) from cast on edge, knit every row with one color until length is achieved.

CROWN DECREASES

Rnd 1: *k11 (12), k2tog, place marker, repeat from * 7 more times omitting the last marker placement as there is already one there for end of rnd

Rnd 2: knit all around

Rnd 3: *knit to 2 sts before the marker, k2tog, slip marker, repeat from * 7 more times

Continue, repeating Rnds 2 & 3 only 4 (5) more times. You will have 56 sts remaining

Work **Rnd 3** only 5 more times. You will have 16 sts

Last rnd: *k2tog, remove marker, repeat from * 7 more times

Cut yarn leaving a 10” tail. Using a tapestry needle, thread yarn through the remaining 8 sts. Pull together snugly and secure well.

Weave in yarn ends. Block.

LEGEND

□ Background Color
 ● Patterning Color

CHART

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				25
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