

BI-COLOR SLOUCH HAT

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Create vertical lines without stranding or slipping any stitches. The lofty, stretchy fabric lets the hat slouch softly. Instructions are given for both knitting the hat flat, (back and forth in rows), or in the round – your choice of method.

Size(s)

Adult – One size fits most

Materials

Worsted or heavy-worsted weight yarn: 100 yds Color A, and 75 yds. Color B

Photo sample knit in Interlacements Oregon Worsted (100% Merino Wool) 560yds/8oz. per skein, color #201, and Knit Picks Bare Natural (100% Peruvian wool) 220 yds/100gr.

1 16" circular US Size 8 (5mm) needle

1 16" circular US Size 10 (6mm) needle, *or size needed to obtain gauge*

1 set US Size 8 (5mm) double point needles if working in the round

Gauge

3.25 sts = 1" over pattern stitch

Note(s)

- **k1B = Knit One Below**, insert right needle tip into the stitch immediately below the next stitch on the left needle, knit as usual, as you complete the stitch, let the un-knit "upper" stitch slip off and drop off of the left needle. **p1B = Purl One Below**; same but purl instead of knit in the stitch below.
- When working the BI-COLOR pattern, you will alternate yarn colors every round/row. It will take two rounds to look like one round has been knit.

BI-COLOR PATTERN – FLAT KNITTING in ROWS

Row 1: With Color B *(k1, k1B)*, repeat from * to * to end of row. Slide stitches back across needle so that Color A yarn is available.

Row 2: With Color A *(k1B, k1)*, repeat from * to * to end of row. Turn.

Row 3: With Color B *(p1B, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of row. Slide stitches back across needle so that Color A yarn is available.

Row 4: With Color A *(p1, p1B)*, repeat from * to * to end of row. Turn.

BI-COLOR PATTERN – KNITTING in the ROUND

Row 1: With Color B *(k1, k1B)*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Row 2: With Color A *(k1B, k1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round.



BRIM

With smaller sized needles, *loosely* cast on 72 stitches. Join if working in the round taking care not to twist stitches.

Work 1 x 1 ribbing (Knit 1, Purl 1) for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (4.5cm).

HAT BODY

Change to larger sized needles. Work BI-COLOR pattern until piece measures 8" (20cm) from cast on edge, ending after working a **Row 2** if working in the round or a **Row 4** if working flat.

CROWN

Row or Round 1 (RS): With Color B (k1, k1B) 3 times, [slip 2, k1, pssso (decrease made), (k1B, k1) 4 times, k1B] 5 times, slip 2, k1, pssso, k1B, k1, k1B = 60 sts.

Row or Round 2: Same as Row 2 of Bi-COLOR pattern

Row or Round 3: Same as Row 1 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 3 if knitting flat

Row or Round 4: Same as Row 2 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 4 if knitting flat

Row or Round 5: With Color B, k1, k1B [slip 2, k1, pssso, (k1B, k1) 3 times, k1B] 5 times, slip 2, k1, pssso, (k1B, k1) twice, k1B = 48 sts.

Row or Round 6: Same as Row 2 of Bi-COLOR pattern

Row or Round 7: Same as Row 1 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 3 if knitting flat

Row or Round 8: Same as Row 2 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 4 if knitting flat

Row or Round 9: With Color B (k1, k1B) 3 times, [slip 2, k1, pssso, (k1B, k1) twice, k1B] 5 times, k1, k1b = 38 sts.

Row or Round 10: Same as Row 2 of Bi-COLOR pattern

Row or Round 11: Same as Row 1 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 3 if knitting flat

Row or Round 12: Same as Row 2 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 4 if knitting flat

Row or Round 13: With Color B, k1, k1B, (slip 1, k1, pssso, k1B, k1, k1B) 6 times, k1B, k1, k1B = 26 sts.

Row or Round 14: Same as Row 2 of Bi-COLOR pattern

Row or Round 15: Same as Row 1 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 3 if knitting flat

Row or Round 16: Same as Row 2 of pattern if knitting in the round, or Row 4 if knitting flat

Row or Round 17: With Color B, k1, k1B, (slip 2, k1, pssso, k1B) 6 times, k1B = 14 sts.

Break Color B leaving tail for weaving in later.

Row or Round 18: Same as Row 2 of Bi-COLOR pattern

Row or Round 19: With Color A, P2tog 7 times = 7 sts.

Break Color A leaving a tail for gathering the last 7 stitches. Thread yarn tail through the stitches and gather together snugly. Secure yarn tail.

Sew back seam if hat was worked flat. Weave in yarn tails. Block. Enjoy!