KNITTED SKULL CAP



SIZES: Toddler- (18"/45cm), Child- (20"/50cm), Adult- (22"/55cm).

MATERIALS: Any worsted weight yarn; 135yrds/125m.

MC- Black, CC- White - 1 skein each.

US7 (4.5mm) 16" (40cm) circular needle.

US8 (5mm) 16" (40cm) circular needle - or size needed to get gauge.

One set of 4 US8 (5mm) DPNs for when there are too few sts to hold comfortably on circular needle.

Stitch marker: 5.

GAUGE: 20sts/4" in St st worked in rounds on larger size needles.

PATTERN:

With MC and smaller size needle CO 88 (100, 108) sts.

Being careful not to twist sts around needle place stitch marker and join for working in rounds.

K2, p2 rib for 3 (4, 5) rounds.

Change to larger size needle.

Work in St st for 2 rounds; (TODDLER & ADULT SIZES ONLY: increase 2 sts evenly on 1st round). You should now have 90 (100, 110) sts.

BEGIN SKULL PATTERN:

Round 1: *K2(mc), k5(cc), k2(mc), k1(cc); rep from * to end.

Round 2: *K3(mc), k1(cc), k1(mc), k1(cc), k3(mc), k1(cc); rep from * to end.

Round 3: K2(mc), *k1(cc), k1(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 4: K1(cc), k1(mc), k5(cc), k2(mc), k1(cc), *k2(mc), k5(cc), k2(mc), k1(cc); rep from * to end.

Round 5: *K2(mc), k2(cc), k1(mc), k2(cc), k2(mc), k1(cc); rep from * to end.

Round 6: *[K1(mc),k3(cc)]x2, k2(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 7: *K2(cc), k1(mc), k3(cc), k1(mc), k2(cc), k1(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 8: *[K1(cc), k3(mc)]x2, k1(cc), k1(mc); rep from * to end.

Rounds 9 and 10: Repeat round 8.

Round 11: *K2(cc), k1(mc), k3(cc), k1(mc), k2(cc), k1(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 12: *K1(mc), k7(cc), k2(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 13: *K2(mc), k5(cc), k3(mc); rep from * to end.

Round 14: *K3(mc), k3(cc), k4(mc) rep from * to end.

Continue with MC only and working in St st work until hat measures 4" (4", 5") from CO edge; at the same time on last round place stitch markers every 18 (20, 22) sts.

Decrease round:

Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker. Repeat at each marker to end of round.

Repeat decrease round until 5 sts total remain.

*When your sts start to stretch to tight around your circular needle you will need to change to your DPNs or your favorite method of small-tube-knitting.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" (20cm) tail. Using your tapestry needle, draw yarn through last 5 sts and pull to close. Pull tail to inside and weave in your ends.

KEY

CO- cast on

MC- main color

CC- contrasting color

DPNs- double point needles

St st- stockinette stitch

sts- stitches

K- knit

P- purl

K2tog- knit two stitches together

rep- repeat

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