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Mini Me Hats



Mini Me Hats are designed to fit an average Toddler or Child's head, and an 18" doll. These hats are perfect for Birthday or Christmas gifts, and are really quick to make. You will be tempted to make them in multiple colors and look for any potential doll-loving recipients (as happened to me when I was designing these hats.) Using any Aran or Bulky weight yarn, you could make a set from just one 100g ball. Top them off with matching faux fur PomPoms or handmade PomPoms, and your little recipient will be thrilled with the gift!

Level: adventures beginner

Sizes: Toddler size hat (to fit 18-19" head circumference), Child size hat (to fit 20-21" head circumference), 18" doll size hat (to fit 13.5" head circumference)

Gauge: 3 Cable repeats = 4" in 4x4 Cable Pattern, unstretched, in the round, on US 6 (4.00 mm) needle.

Materials

- Circular needle or a set of DPN needles in US size 6 (4.00 mm)
- Aran or Bulky weight yarn, such as
 - **Caron Simply Soft Party**, Aran, 99% Acrylic, 1% Polyester, 164 yards / 85 grams, in color *Silver Sparkle* (Light Gray) or *Platinum Sparkle* (Dark Gray), 1 ball.
 - **Knit Picks Mighty Stitch Bulky**, Bulky, 80% Acrylic, 20% Wool, 136 yards / 100 grams, in color *Spruce* and *Fairy Tale*, 1 ball each.
- Stitch marker, cable needle, tapestry needle, scissors, faux fur PomPoms.

Instructions

Doll Hat

Using a preferred CO method, CO 48 sts. Place BOR marker, and join to work in the round.

Rnd 1: *k2, p2; repeat from* around.

Repeat Rnd 1 a total of 10 times.

Inc Rnd: (knit 24, M1) twice. 2 sts increased. 50 sts on the needles.

Begin working the Cable Pattern as follows:

Rnds 1-5: *p2, k6, p2; repeat from* around.

Rnd 6: *p2, 3x3CL, p2; repeat from* around.

Rnds 7-8: rep Rnds 1-5.

****Repeat Rnds 1-8 once more.**

Dec Rnd 1: *p2tog, (k2tog) x 3, p2tog; repeat from* around. 25 sts decreased. *25 sts on the needle.*

Next Rnd: *p1, k3, p1; repeat from* around.

Dec Rnd 2: *p1, sk2p, p1; repeat from* around. 10 sts decreased. *15 sts on the needle.*

Dec Rnd 3: p1, *k1, p2tog; repeat from* to last st, p2tog. 5 sts decreased. *10 sts on the needle.*

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail for sewing up. Using a tapestry needle, slip the remaining 10 sts onto the yarn tail, pulling tightly to close the top. Secure the top by going through the sts once more. Attach the PomPom to the hat. Weave in the ends.

Toddler & Child Hat

Using a preferred CO method, CO 76 (84) sts. Place BOR marker, and join to work in the round.

Rnd 1: *k2, p2; repeat from* around.

Repeat Rnd 1 a total of 14 (16) times.

Inc Rnd (Toddler size): (knit 19, M1) x 4. 4 sts increased. *80 sts on the needles.*

Inc Rnd (Child size): (knit 14, M1) x 6. 6 sts increased. *90 sts on the needles.*

Begin working the Cable Pattern as follows:

Rnds 1-5: *p1, k8, p1; repeat from* around.

Rnd 6: *p1, 4x4CL, p1; repeat from* around.

Rnds 7-11: rep Rnds 1-5.

****Repeat Rnds 1-11 another 1.5 (2) times.**

Dec Rnd 1: *p1, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, p1; repeat from* around. 16 (18) sts decreased. *64 (72) sts on the needle.*

Dec Rnd 2: *p1, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1, p1; repeat from* around. 16 (18) sts decreased. *48 (54) sts on the needle.*

Next Rnd: *p1, k4, p1; repeat from* around.

Cable Rnd: *p1, 2x2CL, p1; repeat from* around.

Dec Rnd 3: *p1, (k2tog) twice, p1; repeat from* around. 16 (18) sts decreased. *32 (36) sts on the needle.*

Next Rnd: *p1, k2, p1; repeat from* around.

Dec Rnd 4: p1, *k2tog, p2tog; repeat from* to last st, p2tog. 16 (18) sts decreased. *16 (18) sts on the needles.*

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail for sewing up. Using a tapestry needle, slip the remaining 16 (18) sts onto the yarn tail, pulling tightly to close the top. Secure the top by going through the sts once more. Sew the PomPom to the hat. Weave in the ends.

****For a two-Color version, change color in the middle of this section, by first knitting 1 round in the new color, and then resuming the cable pattern in the new color. This will create a clean line of color transition, without affecting the overall look of the pattern.**

Abbreviations

BOR - beginning of the round

CO - cast on

Dec - decrease

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 together

p - purl

Rnd(s) - round(s)

sk2p - slip stitch knitwise, knit next 2 stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over the decreased stitch.

st(s) - stitch(es)

2x2CL - 2x2 Cable Left: sl 2 sts onto a cable needle, holding it in front of the work, from the back, knit next 2 sts, knit 2 sts from the cable needle.

3x3CL - 3x3 Cable Left: sl 3 sts onto a cable needle, holding it in front of the work, from the back, knit next 3 sts, knit 3 sts from the cable needle.

4x4 CL - 4x4 Cable Left: sl 4 sts onto a cable needle, holding it in front of the work, from the back, knit next 4 sts, knit 4 sts from the cable needle.

