Materials

SUGGESTED YARN

Jil Eaton Minnow Merino; 100% Extra Fine Superwash Merino; 77 yds [70 m] / 1.76 oz [50 g]

MC: 2 skeins of Mango (4751).

CC's: Less than 20 yds [18 m] each of Elderberry (4727), Snow White (4701), Pinque (4789), Light Blue (4747), and Peacock (4709).

NEEDLES

US #8/5 mm 16"/40 cm circular and DPNs, or preferred needles for small circumference knitting —or size needed to obtain gauge as listed.

US #6/4 mm 16"/40 cm circular or preferred needles for small circumference knitting - or 2 sizes smaller than that needed to obtain gauge.

NOTIONS

Stitch marker, tapestry needle.

Gauge

23 stitches and 26 rows = 4"/10 cm in Chart 2, blocked.

Sizes

Finished measurement: 13.5 (15.75, 18, 20.25, 22.5)"/34.5 (40, 45.5, 51.5, 57) cm circumference. Intended to be worn with 1"/2.5 cm of negative ease.

Note: Sample is shown in 18"/45.5 cm.

PIPPA TOQUE
A PATTERN FROM cowtownknits

The Pippa Toque is a cute little hat to keep heads and ears toasty and warm on cold winter days. The close stitches and stranded colour work make this a nice thick fabric for great insulation.

Instructions

BRIM

With smaller needles and A, CO 64 (74, 94, 106, 116), pm, join to work in the round.

Work in K1P1 rib until work measures 1 (1, 1.25, 1.25, 1.5)"/2.5 (2.5, 3, 3, 4) cm from the CO edge.

P one round.

Increase Round: {K3 (3, 7, 8, 7), kfb} six (six, five, four, one) time (s), then {K4 (4, 8, 9, 8), kfb} eight (ten, six, seven, twelve) times. [78 (90, 105, 117, 129) sts]

BODY

Switch to larger needles.

Knit 0 (0, 1, 2, 2) round(s).

Join B, work Chart 1.

Knit 1 round even in A.

Size 15.75" & 22.5"/ 40 and 57 cm only: M1L, K to end. [1 stitch increased]

Size 18"/ 45.5 cm only: K2tog, K to end. [1 stitch decreased]

All sizes

Knit 0 (0, 1, 2, 1) round(s) even in A.

Work Chart 2.

Knit 1 round even in A.

Size 13.5"/ 34.5 cm only: Skip ahead to TOP.

Size 15.75" & 22.5"/ 40 and 57 cm only: K2tog, K to end. [1 stitch decreased]

Size 18"/ 45.5 cm only: M1L, K to end. [1 stitch increased]

All sizes except 13.5"/ 34.5 cm:

Knit - (0, 1, 2, 1) round(s) even in A.

Work Chart 1 again.

Knit 1 round even in A.

Size 15.75" & 22.5"/ 40 and 57 cm only: M1L, K to end. (1 stitch increased)

Size 18"/ 45.5 cm only: K2tog, K to end. [1 stitch decreased]

[78 (91, 104, 117, 130) sts remaining]

TOP

Knit even with A until work measures 3.25 (4, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5)"/8.5 (10, 14, 16.5, 19) cm from the CO edge.

DECREASES

Note: Change to DPNs when there are too few stitches to work on circular needle.

Round 1: *K2tog, K9, SSK; repeat from * to end. [66 (77, 88, 99, 110) sts remaining]

Round 2 (and every other round): Knit to end.

Round 3: *K2tog, K7, ssk; repeat from * to end. [54 (63, 72, 81, 90) sts remaining]

Glossary

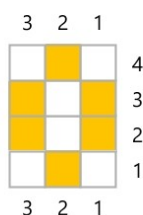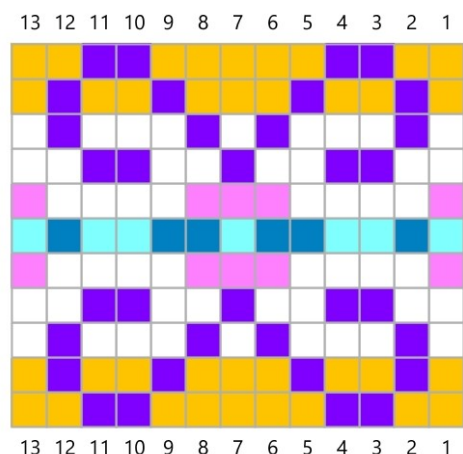| CO	Cast On
DPNs	Double Pointed Needles
K	Knit
k2tog	knit the next two stitches together
kfb	knit into the front and then the back loops
M1L	Make a left-leaning stitch by picking up the bar between the next stitch and the previous stitch from front to back, and knitting it through the back of the loop
P	Purl
pm	place marker
PSSO	Pass slipped stitch over the stitch just worked
ssk	Slip each of the next 2 stitches knitwise (one at a time), slip them back to the left needle and knit them together through the back of the loops
sts	stitches

Chart 1 / Chart 2 / Key

Key:
- A (Mango)
- B (Snow White)
- C (Elderberry)
- D (Pinque)
- E (Light Blue)
- F (Peacock)

Round 5: *K2tog, K5, ssk; repeat from * to end. [42 (49, 56, 63, 70) sts remaining]

Round 7: *K2tog, K3, ssk; repeat from * to end. [30 (35, 40, 45, 50) sts remaining]

Round 9: *K2tog, K1, ssk; repeat from * to end. [18 (21, 24, 27, 30) sts remaining]

Round 11: *Slip1, K2tog, PSSO; repeat from * to end. [6 (7, 8, 9, 10) sts remaining]

Cut yarn, with tapestry needle run the end through all the stitches, slipping them off the needle and pulling snug to close the hole.

Weave in ends and block.

Make a pompom and attach if desired. You can find a photo tutorial on the Cowtown Knits blog at https://cowtownknits.com/2014/11/02/pompom-tutorial/