

Bramble

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There's a forest of textures at play in this warm and detailed hat. Knit seamlessly from brim to crown. One size fits most grown up heads. Knit at a tight gauge to keep you super snug.

Techniques Used / Abbreviations

K = knit.

P = purl.

Sl = slip one stitch without working it (knitwise, unless otherwise specified).

YO = make a stitch by wrapping the yarn over the needle from front to back.

PSSO = pass slipped stitch over specified stitches.

K2tog = knit two stitches together.

Gauge

24 stitches x 32 rows = 10cm / 4" squared in Dot Stitch (see explanation of Dot Stitch on page 2).

Materials

Approximately 160 m of DK yarn - I used slightly less than 2 balls of Moda Vera Pure Wool 8ply in colour number 57 (grey-mauve). Use something that will feel good next to your ears!

A 3mm circular needle in a short circumference - I used a 20cm.

4 or 5 3mm double-pointed needles.

One stitch marker.

Instructions

Cast on 108 stitches using your favourite method. I used a cable cast on. Place marker to note beginning of round and join for knitting in the round.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Repeat these last two rounds until piece measures 7cm from cast on edge.

Now, work in Dot Stitch (described below) for 5cm, ending with round 2 or 4:

Dot Stitch

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: *P1, K3, rep from * around to marker.

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: K2, P1, *K3, P1, rep from * to last st before marker, K1.

Purl 1 row. Piece measures about 12cm from cast on edge.

Next, work in Cross-Hatch Stitch (described below) for 4cm, ending with a row 2:

Cross-Hatch Stitch

Round 1: *Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K stitch; rep from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Piece measures about 16 cm from cast on edge.

Now begin decreases as follows, continuing cross-hatch pattern as described below, and switching to DPNs when necessary.

Round 1: **Note: In the following rounds, you'll work one decrease followed by several sts of cross-hatch. Work the stitches in the square brackets as many times as indicated before working another decrease.** *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 8 times; rep from * around. 6 stitches decreased (102 sts).

Round 2 and every other even numbered row to row 26: Knit.

Round 3: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 7 times; rep from * around. (96 sts).

Round 5: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 7 times; rep from * around. (90 sts).

Round 7: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 6 times; rep from * around. (84 sts).

Round 9: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 6 times; rep from * around. (78 sts).

Round 11: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 5 times; rep from * around. (72 sts).

Round 13: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 5 times; rep from * around. (66 sts).

Round 15: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 4 times; rep from * around (60 sts).

Round 17: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 4 times; rep from * around. (54 sts).

Round 19: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 3 times; rep from * around (48 sts).

Round 21: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 3 times; rep from * around. (42 sts).

Round 23: *K2tog, K1; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 2 times; rep from * around (36 sts).

Round 25: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; [Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st] 2 times; rep from * around. ((30 sts).

Round 26: Knit.

From now on, decrease every round as follows:

Round 27: *K2tog, K1, Sl1, YO, K1, PSSO both YO and K st; rep from * around (24 sts).

Round 28: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; rep from * around (12 sts).

Round 29: *K2tog; rep from * around (6 sts).

Round 30: *Sl1, K1, PSSO; rep from * around (3 sts).

Now, slip 3 remaining stitches onto one DPN.

Work icord loop:

With another DPN, K3. Then, without turning your work, slide the stitches to the other end of the needle and knit them again. (If you haven't worked an icord before, look online for a good tutorial). Continue working the icord in this manner until it measures 3cm.

Break yarn, thread it onto a yarn needle, and pass the yarn needle through the three live stitches while slipping them off the needle. Pull tightly.

Thread yarn needle back through top centre of hat so that the icord forms a loop.

Weave in all ends, block if desired, and enjoy your new hat!



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