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THIS HAT AND BLANKET PATTERN use reverse Stockinette stripes to dress up an otherwise simple cap and blanket. Both are knit in the round. Use any combination of colors you like to make each one unique!

REQUIRED SKILLS

Knitting in the round, purl front & back, yarn over, knit and purl through back loop, Stockinette st, Reverse Stockinette st

GAUGE

Blanket: 15 sts and 32 rows = 4" (10cm) over Stockinette stitch in the round, blocked

Cap: 17 sts and 32 rows = 4" (10cm) over Stockinette stitch in the round, block

Note: The blanket is blocked more aggressively than the cap.

SIZES

Cap: Micro-preemie [Preemie, Newborn, 3mo, 6mo] to fit head circumference of 8 [10, 12, 14, 16]" / 20 [25.5, 30.5, 35.5, 45.5] cm

Blanket: Small [Medium, Large]

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cap:

Circumference: 7 [9, 11, 13, 15]" / 18 [23, 28, 33, 38] cm

Height: 5 [5.5, 6, 7, 8]" / 13 [14, 15, 18, 20] cm

Blanket:

Length and Width: 22 [30, 38]" / 56 [76, 96.5] cm

YARN

Plymouth Jeanee Worsted, 51% Cotton, 49% Acrylic (110 yds/100 m, 1.75 oz/50 g skein):

- MC: color #13 Baby Blue: 1 [2, 3] skeins for blanket; 1 skein for cap
- CC1: color #8 White: 2 [3, 4] skeins for blanket; 1 skein for cap
- CC2: color #10 Denim: 1 [2, 3] skeins for blanket

Note that, for all sizes, the cap takes less than one full skein of either color.

NEEDLES

US 8 (5 mm) circular needles, 26"; or size required to obtain gauge

US 8 (5 mm) double pointed needles; or size required to obtain gauge

SUPPLIES

Stitch markers (4, one unique for the beginning of round); yarn needle

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

pfb (purl in front and back): Purl into the front loop and then back loop of one stitch (increase)

PATTERN NOTES

The increase used in the blanket is worked over two rows: On the first row, work a yarnover to increase. On the second row, knit or purl the yarnover (depending on the placement in pattern) through the back loop to twist the stitch and close the loop. This increase was chosen because it is easy to work and results in a nearly invisible increase without puckering the fabric. If you would like to use another increase, feel free to do so.

INSTRUCTIONS

CAP

Using MC, CO 32 [40, 48, 56, 64] sts. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist.

Set-up Round: *K8 [10, 12, 14, 16], pm; repeat from * to end of round.

Work in Stockinette stitch in the round until cap measures 1" (2.5cm) from cast-on edge.

Increase Round: *Pfb, p to marker, sm; repeat from * to end of round. (36 [44, 52, 60, 68] sts)

Work in Stockinette stitch until cap measures 1.5 [1.5, 2, 2.5, 3]" / 4 [4, 5, 6.5, 7.5] cm from cast-on edge.

Cut MC, attach CC1. Work one round in Stockinette stitch. Work in Reverse Stockinette stitch until cap measures 2.25 [2.5, 3, 3.5, 4]" / 5.5 [6, 7.5, 8.5, 10] cm from cast-on round.

Cut CC1, reattach MC. Work in Stockinette stitch until cap measures 3.5 [3.5, 4, 5, 5.75]" / 9 [9, 10, 12.5, 14.5] cm from cast-on edge.

Crown

Decrease Round: *K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round.

For all sizes but Micro-preemie: Work Decrease Round followed by 2 rounds of Stockinette stitch until 11 sts rem between markers.

For all sizes: *Work a Decrease Round followed by 1 round of Stockinette stitch; rep from * until 8 sts rem between markers. Work Decrease Round for two consecutive rounds, until 6 sts rem between markers.

Next round: *K2tog, k2, k2tog, sm; repeat from * to end of round. (4 sts between markers)

Next round: K2tog 8 times, removing all markers except the one indicating beginning of round (8 sts).

Next round: K2tog 4 times (4 sts).

Next round: K2tog twice.

Continue working as a 2-stitch I-cord for 1.5" (4cm).

Bind off stitches. Tie I-cord into a small knot.

BLANKET

Using MC, cast on 12 sts. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist.

Setup round: *Pm, k3; repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9: *Sm, k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1; repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10: *Sm, k1, k1 tbl, k to 2 sts before m, k1 tbl, k1; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 11: Using CC1, *sm, k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1; repeat from * to end of round. (60 sts)

Rounds 13, 15, 17, and 19: With CC1, *sm, p1, yo, p to 1 st before m, yo, p1; repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 12, 14, 16, 18, 20: With CC1, *SM, p1, p1 tbl, p to 2 sts before m, p1 tbl, p1; repeat from * to end of round. (92 sts)

These 20 rounds form the basic pattern, using whatever striping sequence you desire. In the example shown, knit stripes alternate between the MC and CC2.

Work Rounds 1-20 a total of 3 [5, 7] times, then work Rounds 1-10 once more.

Border

Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Using CC1, *sm, k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1; repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8: Using CC1, *sm, p1, p1 tbl, p to 2 sts before m, p1 tbl, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 10: Using CC1, bind off all stitches pwise, working a p1 tbl into the yo.

FINISHING

Block to measurements. Sew in ends and trim.

DESIGNER PROFILE

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