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vanilla twist hat
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Fun to knit, this hat is vanilla with a twist—the plain-looking yarn turns out to be warm and touchable Malabrigo Worsted, and the easier-than-it-looks spiral pattern reminds me of soft-serve ice cream.

Gauge: 18 st and 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Spiral Purl stitch

Skill Level: Beginner

Yarn: Malabrigo Worsted, 100% merino wool, (216 yds/3.5 oz skein); 1 skein Natural, #63 (all sizes)

Needles: US 8 (5 mm) 16-inch circular, US 8 (5 mm) dpns or size you need to obtain gauge.

Supplies: Cable needle, yarn needle, stitch marker

Sizes: Head Circumference: small 19-20" [medium 21-22", large 23-24"] Model shown is size large.

Finished measurements: Unstretched, 16 [18, 20]" diameter.

PATTERN NOTES

Spiral Purl pattern: Because we're knitting in the round, and the rows move 1 st to the right each round, Spiral Purl pattern is, in practice: *k4, p1*

If knitting this hat flat, the pattern is:

Row 1: *k4, p1*, repeat from * to *

Row 2: *k3, p1, k1*, repeat from * to *

Row 3: *k2, p1, k2*, repeat from * to *

Row 4: *k1, p1, k3*, repeat from * to *

Row 5: *p1, k4*, repeat from * to *

RT: Right cable crossing - sl 1 st to cable needle (cn) and hold back; k1, k1 from cn.

INSTRUCTIONS:

CO 72 [80, 92] sts and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist. Pm at start of round and mm each round if desired.

Cable Rib Brim

Rnds 1-3: *k2, p2*, repeat from * to *

Rnd 4: *Rt, p2*, repeat from * to *

Rnds 5-12: Repeat Rounds 1-4 twice (3 cable crossings)

Rnd 13 (Turn Set-Up Row): Purl.

Rnd 14 (Turn Row): Wrap and turn (w&t) as for short rows, and work in the opposite direction. *K1, p1*, repeat from * to *

Rnd 15: Knit the wrap and 1st st tog, p1, *k1, p1*, repeat from * to *

Rnds 16-23: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to *

Row 24 Spiral Purl Set-Up Row: Knit around, decreasing 2 [0, 2] sts evenly spaced - 70 [80, 90] sts.

Hat Body

Work Spiral Purl patt, (k4, p1) until hat body measures 4 [4.25, 4.5]" from top of rib section.

Decreases

Pm at beg of round, mm each round.

Rnd 1: *K2, ssk, p1*, rep from * to * to end - 56 [64, 72] sts.

Rnd 2 and 3: *K3, p1*, rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 4: *K1, ssk, p1*, rep from * to * to end - 42 [48, 54] sts.

Rnd 5 and 6: *K2, p1*, rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 7: *Ssk, p1*, rep from * to * to end - 28 [32, 36] sts.

Rnds 8 and 9: *K1, p1*, rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 10: *Ssk, p1*, rep from * to * until 1 [2, 0] sts rem, k1 [2, 0] - 19 [22, 24] sts.

Rnd 11 and 12: *K1, p1*, rep from * to * to end (size small will have one extra k at the end).

Rnd 13: *K1, ssk*, repeat from * to * until 1 [1, 0] sts rem, k1 [1, 0] - 13 [15, 16] sts.

Rnd 14: *Ssk*, repeat from * to * until 1 [1, 0] sts rem, k1 [1, 0] - 7 [8, 8] sts.

Finishing

Top of hat: cut long tail and use yarn needle to gather rem live sts. Weave in end securely. Weave in all ends. Block lightly if desired.

Jaala Spiro publishes Knitcircus magazine; she's recently taught her seven-year-old to knit, so the plan is working perfectly.

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