

Whipsaw Beret

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The Whipsaw Beret has a moderate amount of slouch and is worked in an easy but intriguing back-and-forth lace pattern. The bottom ribbing stretches to accommodate a range of head sizes.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 18.5"/47cm

YARN

Tosh DK by madelinetosh, 100% superwash merino wool, 225 yards/206 meters

NEEDLES

Size US 5 (3.75mm) 16" circular needle
Size US 8 (5mm) 16" circular needle, or size needed to obtain gauge
Set of size US 8 (5mm) double pointed needles

NOTIONS

Stitch marker
Yarn needle

GAUGE

In (k2, p2) ribbing, 18 sts = 4"/10cm, unstretched, using smaller needle
In Whipsaw pattern, 16 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10cm, unstretched, using larger needle

NOTES & TECHNIQUES

When working dec rnds, switch to dpns when there are too few stitches to fit comfortably on the circular needle.



ABBREVIATIONS

Beg: beginning
CO: cast on
Dec: decrease
Dpns: double pointed needles
K: knit
Inc: increase
M1: make 1: insert tip of left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of the loop.
Rep(s): repeat(s)
Rnd(s): round(s)
Ssk: slip two stitches, then knit them together
St(s): stitches
YO: yarn over

Whipsaw Pattern

Rnd 1: *K3, k2tog, yo, k1. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: *K2, k2tog, yo, k2. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: *K1, k2tog, yo, k3. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *K2tog, yo, k4. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *K1, yo, ssk, k3. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 6: *K2, yo, ssk, k2. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 7: *K3, yo, ssk, k1. Rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 8: *K4, yo, ssk. Rep from * to end of rnd.

BERET

With smaller circular needle, CO 84 sts.
Join for working in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. Place marker for beg of round. Work (k2, p2) ribbing for 1.5"/4cm. Change to larger circular needle.

Inc rnd: *k2, m1. Rep from * to end of rnd: 126 sts.

Work 4 full reps of Whipsaw Pattern, ending with Rnd 8.

Dec for crown

Dec rnd 1: *K3, k3tog, yo. Rep from * to end of rnd. 105 sts.

Dec rnd 2: *K2, k3tog, yo. Rep from * to end of rnd. 84 sts.

Dec rnd 3: *K1, k3tog, yo. Rep from * to end of rnd. 63 sts.

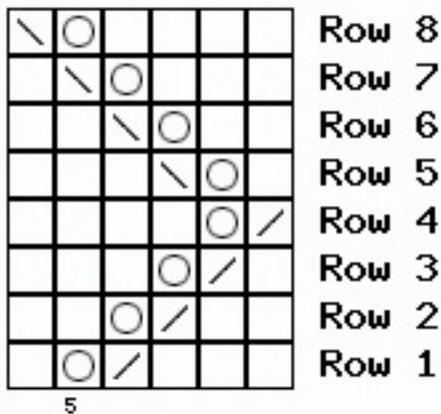
Dec rnd 4: *K3tog, yo. Rep from * to end of rnd. 42 sts.

Dec rnd 5: *K2tog. Rep from * to end of rnd. 21 sts.

FINISHING

Cut yarn, leaving long tail. Thread tail on yarn needle and pull through remaining stitches. Draw up snugly and fasten off yarn.

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.



Legend

- k (knit)
- yo (yarnover)
- ssk (slip, slip knit)
- k2tog (knit two together)

