

Frau Keli

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Yarn

Fingering weight yarn,

approximately

MC: 155 (169, 182) yds/ 142 (154, 166) m

CC: 44 (48, 53) yds/ 40 (44, 48) m

Note: Yardage does not include optional pompom.

Sample 1 (pattern band option 1, natural/yellow):

Pamir Fine Fibers Superior | Dense Line [115 yds (105 m)/25 g] *shown in colors natural (MC) and canary (CC).*

Sample 2 (pattern band option 2, blue/natural):

The Plucky Knitter Primo Fingering [440 yds (402 m)/115 g] *shown in color Big Sky (MC)*

Walkcollection Cottage Merino [394 yds (360 m)/100 g] *shown in color Arctic Wolf (CC)*

Needles

US 4 (3.5 mm) circular needle, 16" (40 cm) long and DPNs.

Gauge

24 sts x 36 rows = 4" (10 cm) square in Stockinette stitch on US 4 (3.5 mm) needle after blocking.

Finished measurements

Circumference (unstretched):

19 (20.75, 22.25)" [48.5 (52.5, 56.5) cm]

to fit 20/22 (21.5/23.5, 23/25)"

[51/56 (54.5/60, 58.5/63.5) cm]

Height (without pompom):

9.25" (23.5 cm)

Note: To adjust sizes, it is possible to reduce or increase the number of stitches to cast on by 5 stitches or a multiple of 5 stitches. Make sure to adjust the stitch count to a multiple of 8 stitches before starting the crown shaping.

Notions

Circular needle one size smaller than working needle (optional), 4 stitch markers, row counter (optional), tapestry needle, pompom maker or a fake fur pompom (optional), blocking tools.

Stitches

Stockinette stitch (worked in the round)

All rnds: Knit to end.

Special techniques and tips

How to knit a "welt":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS-A91b4RQK>

Picking up the purl stitches to create the welt can be a bit fiddly. I have compiled a few "life hacks" by my testers to make this a bit easier:

- Pick up the purl stitches from the wrong side, slipping them onto a thin circular needle right after having completed round 4. After having completed round 9, you can easily knit the stitches together.
- Thread a running stitch or a lifeline through round 4 using a contrasting color. This makes it easier to identify the correct line of purl stitches.
- Knit round 4 using your contrasting color: You can easily identify the purl stitches that you will have to pick up (and the welt will hide the contrasting round)

Abbreviations

BOR: beginning of the round

CC: contrast color

CO: cast on

dec: decrease

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease)

LH: left hand

m: marker

MC: main color

p: purl

pm: place marker

RH: right hand

Rnd(s): round(s)

RS: right side

sl m: slip marker

ssk: slip 2 stitches, one at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; return stitches to the LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (left leaning decrease)

st(s): stitch(es)

Frau Keli is a casual hat, worked in the round from the brim to the top. The "welted" brim is worked first. A wide delicate band of textured colorwork comes next and adds just the right amount of interest. Once the textured colorwork is complete, the remainder of the hat is worked in Stockinette stitch in rounds to the crown shaping. An optional pompom could be worked last.

Instructions

Using US 4 (3.5 mm) needle and MC, CO 116 (126, 136) sts, place marker for BOR and join to work in rounds.

Brim

Knit 9 rounds.

Next rnd: * Insert RH needle into first stitch on LH needle and into the purl bump (on the WS) 5 rounds below this stitch, knit both stitches together, repeat from * to end.

*Note: You may find it helpful to insert a smaller circular needle into all purl bumps 5 rounds below the current round and hold this needle behind the working needle, then * insert RH needle (working needle) into the first stitch on the LH needle (working needle) and into the first stitch on the smaller needle and knit both stitches together, repeat from * to end.*



Knit 2 rounds.

Body

Pattern band option 1 (natural/yellow)

Note: If necessary, please change needle size to keep gauge consistent.

Rnd 1: (P2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 1 stitch before end, p1 in MC.

Rnd 2: P1 in MC, **k3 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 2 sts before end, p2 in MC.

Rnd 3: **K3 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 3 sts before end, p2 in MC, **k1 in CC**.

Rnd 4: **K2 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 4 sts before end, p2 in MC, **k2 in CC**.

Rnd 5: **K1 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to end.

Work **rnds 1 to 5** for pattern a total of 7 times (35 rows have been worked for pattern band 1).

Break CC and continue with MC.

Work in Stockinette stitch in rounds until hat measures approximately 6.5" (16.5 cm) from cast on edge. Continue to *Adjust stitch count for crown shaping*.

Pattern band option 2 (blue/natural)

Note: If necessary, please change needle size to keep gauge consistent.

Rnd 1: (P2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 1 stitch before end, p1 in MC.

Rnd 2: P1 in MC, **k3 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 2 sts before end, p2 in MC.

Rnd 3: **K3 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 3 sts before end, p2 in MC, **k1 in CC**.

Rnd 4: **K2 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to 4 sts before end, p2 in MC, **k2 in CC**.

Rnd 5: **K1 in CC**, (p2 in MC, **k3 in CC**) to end.

Rnd 6: Knit in MC to end.

Rnd 7: Knit in MC to end.

Work **rnds 1 to 7** for pattern a total of 5 times (35 rows have been worked for pattern band 2).

Break CC and continue with MC.

Work in Stockinette stitch in rounds until hat measures approximately 6.5" (16.5 cm) from cast on edge. Continue to *Adjust stitch count for crown shaping*.

Adjust stitch count for crown shaping

Size 1:

Next rnd (dec rnd): Sl m, (k2tog, k27, pm) 3 times, k2tog, k27. (4 sts dec'd)

Next rnd: Knit to end, slipping markers. Continue to *Crown shaping*.

Size 2:

Next rnd (dec rnd): Sl m, k2tog, k28, ssk, pm, k2tog, k29, pm, k29, ssk, pm, k2tog, k28, ssk. (6 sts dec'd)

Next rnd: Knit to end, slipping markers. Continue to *Crown shaping*.

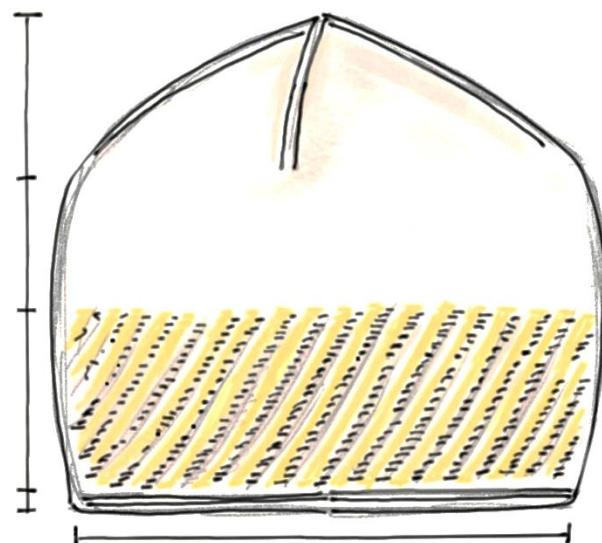
Size 3:

Next rnd: Sl m, (k34, pm) 3 times, k34.

Next rnd: Knit to end, slipping markers. Continue to *Crown shaping*.



Schematic



circumference (unstretched):

19 (20.75, 22.25) " [48.5 (52.5, 56.5) cm]

pattern band: +/- 4" (10 cm)

height without crown: 6.5" (16.5 cm)

crown: 2.75" (7 cm)

Crown shaping

Note: Change to DPNs when there are not enough stitches to comfortably work with the circular needle.

Rnd 1 (dec rnd): (Sl m, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before m, ssk) 4 times. (8 sts dec'd)

104 (112, 128) sts

Rnd 2: Knit to end.

Repeat **rnds 1 + 2** 10 (9, 7) more times.

24 (40, 72) sts

Repeat **rnd 1** 2 (4, 8) more times.

8 sts

Finishing

Break yarn, leaving a long tail and pull yarn through remaining sts (remove markers as you go). Weave in all ends and gently block to even out stitches. If desired, work a pompom out of the leftover yarn, and attach it to the top of the hat.