

MOONRISE: The Hat

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Size: Adult and Teen (Male and Female) 21"-23"

Materials: 1 ball each KnitPicks Palette, *Black*, *White*, *Aster*, *Celestial*, *Blush*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Conch* (You will use only small amounts of most.) One 16" #3 circular needle, four #3 DPNs (or size needed to obtain gauge), stitch marker, and tapestry needle

Gauge: 32 stitches and 32 rounds = 4" using #3 needles.

Abbreviations: K2TOG = Knit two stitches together.

SSK = Slip one stitch, then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position.

Instructions: With circular needle, CO 136 sts using *Black*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit six rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) using *Conch*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Aster* for knit sts and *Black* for purl sts.

Increase round: (round 1 of CHART B) Using *Black*, inc to 168 sts (knit 4 sts, then, inc every 4th st evenly to last 4 sts. Knit last 4 sts).

NOTE: For areas with long floats or one solid color, float second color across back to keep hat thickness even. Remember LEO when floating: Loose, Even, and Often. Watch my brief YouTube tutorial, *Frequent Floats*, for my technique when working large areas of one color: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYxX7MrpJ-Q>

Follow CHART B **Except for the moon: only knit one moon.** (7 repeats per round) for 68 rounds, decreasing as indicated and switching to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec at beginning of chart, and ssk for second each time, at end of chart.) After round 68, with 14 sts on the needles, k2tog around. 7 sts remain. Knit last seven sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block to fit.

CHART A

Knit using *Conch*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Aster* for knit sts and *Black* for purl sts.

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CHART B

