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POLLEN

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Transitioning from Winter to Spring always means layers to me. Preferably leaving my jacket behind, and counting on a few of my favorite woolens to keep me cozy against the last of the icy winter breezes. In particular, I love a light weight hat - quick to knit up in worsted weight, at a gauge that keeps it from being overly warm. Plus, this one has a fun texture that makes it unique and intriguing to knit! The color of this hat reminds me of pollen and all the Spring blooms getting ready to burst open!

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Yarn: 30 (30, 40, 50, 60) grams; 75 (75, 100, 120, 150) yards Worsted Weight

Suggested Yarn: O-wool Local (100 g/3.5 oz; 240 yd/219 m) - 1 skein River Oat

Needles: US 7/ 4.5mm & US 9/5.5mm (16in/40cm) and DPNs or longer circulars for crown shaping

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker, cable needle, measuring tape, scissors

Gauge (measured over Stitch Pattern Repeat in the round after blocking): 17.5 sts and 24 rows = 4 in/10 cm on larger needles

Sizes: Baby (Toddler, Child, Adult Small, Adult Large); Sample shown in the Adult Small.

Finished Measurements: Unstretched brim circumference: 14 (16, 16, 18, 20) in/ 35 (40, 40, 46, 51) cm; Height: 6.5 (7, 8, 9.75, 10.75) in/ 17 (18, 20, 25, 27) cm

Abbreviations

1/2LC - Sl 1 st to CN and hold to the front, k2, k1 from CN.

1/2RC - Sl 2 sts to CN and hold to the back, k1, k2 from CN.

BOR - beginning of round

CN - cable needle

CO - cast on

DEC/'D - decrease/d

K - knit

K2TOG - knit two stitches together (1 st dec'd)

P - purl

REP - repeat

RND/S - round/s

SL - slip stitch purl-wise with yarn held to the back

ST/S - stitch/es

Stitch Pattern Repeat

Rnds 1 & 2: *K2, sl 1, k1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 3: *1/2RC, k1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 4: Knit.

Rnds 5 & 6: Repeat rnds 1 & 2.

Rnd 7: K1, *k1, 1/2LC; rep from * to the end. *The last repeat will be worked on the last 3 sts of Rnd 7, and the first st of Rnd 8. Place the BOR marker before the last st of the 1/2LC.*

Rnd 8: Knit.



Directions

Using smaller needles, CO 64 (76, 76, 84, 92) sts using the Twisted German Cast On. (For a great tutorial on the nice and stretchy Twisted German Cast On go here: <http://newstitchaday.com/twisted-german-cast-on-knitting/>.) Join to work in the round, placing a BOR marker.

{K2, p2} around. Continue in ribbing for 1.5 (2, 2, 2.5, 2.5) in/ 3.5 (5, 5, 6, 6) cm.

Switch to larger needles. Work 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) repeats of the stitch pattern, ending after Rnd 7 of the final repeat.

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Crown Shaping

Switch to DPNs or a longer circular for Magic Loop when the circumference of the hat no longer fits comfortably on your needles.

For decrease rounds that follow Round 7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat, make sure to begin counting stitches from the Beginning of Round (BOR) marker. (In other words, the final stitch of Round 7 is the first stitch of these decrease rounds.)

Baby

Dec Rnd: {k6, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K5, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 5-7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K4, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K3, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K2, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Break yarn, weave thru the remaining 12 live sts, and pull tight to close the crown of the hat.

Toddler/Child Small

Dec Rnd: {K17, k2tog} around; 4 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K4, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 5-7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K3, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K2, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K1, K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Break yarn, weave thru the remaining 12 live sts, and pull tight to close the crown of the hat.

Adult Small

Dec Rnd: {K5, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K4, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 5-7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K3, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K2, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K1, K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Break yarn, weave thru the remaining 12 live sts, and pull tight to close the crown of the hat.

Adult Large

Dec Rnd: {K21, k2tog} around; 4 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K9, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 5-7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K8, k2tog} around; 8 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K4, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 5-7 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K3, K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Work Rnds 1-3 of the Stitch Pattern Repeat.
Dec Rnd: {K2, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K1, k2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Dec Rnd: {K2tog} around; 12 sts dec'd.
Break yarn, weave thru the remaining 12 live sts, and pull tight to close the crown of the hat.

Finishing

Weave in your ends and block very gently. As with all knitted garments, this pattern really benefits from a good blocking. Your stitch definition will really pop and the crown will smooth out if you take the time for this important step. My favorite way to block a hat is using a round dish (small plate, bowl, or my favorite - a 6 inch cake pan) to drape the hat over. Place on a jar or cup to give it some height and smooth to your heart's content.



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