

Skylight

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Yarn: Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift (fingering weight/ 100% wool/ 25g/ 105m/115yds per skein) 1 skein each in Color A and Color B for Beanie. 2 skeins of Color A and 1 skein Color B for longer pom pom hat.

Needles: US 2 (2.75mm) 16" circular needle. US 4 (3.5mm) 16" circular and dpns

Notions: stitch marker, blunt needle for weaving in ends, pom pom maker

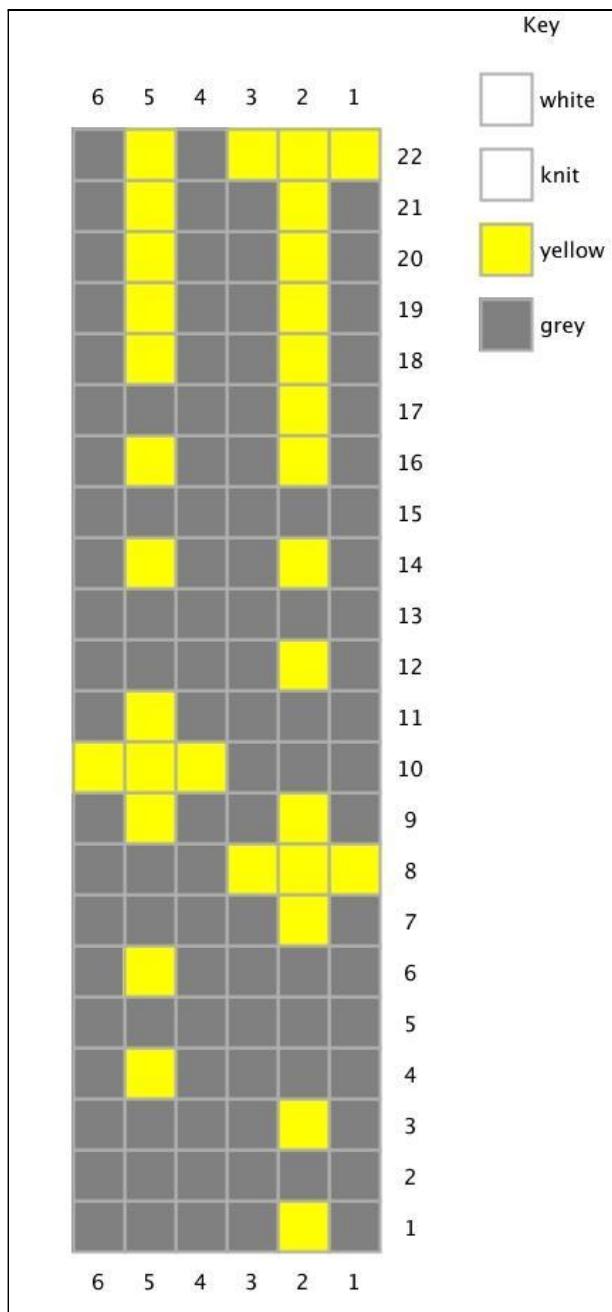
Gauge: 28 sts and 32 rounds = 4" in charted pattern on largest needles

Pattern (either style hat):

With smallest needle and Color A, cast on 144 sts. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist.

Work in p2, k2 rib (*p2, k2, repeat from * to end of round) for 16 rounds.

Switch to larger circular needle and work in stockinette stitch in Color A until piece measures 2.75 inches from cast on for beanie, or 4 inches from cast on for pom pom hat.



Begin working from chart, attaching Color B. When all rounds of chart have been completed, break yarn for Color A and knit one round in Color B.

Decreases:

(switch to double pointed needles when you can no longer work comfortably on circular)

Round 1: *ssk, k8, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts decreased. 120 sts on needle)

Rounds 2, 3, and 4: knit all sts

Round 5: *ssk, k6, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts decreased. 96 sts on needle)

Rounds 6, 7, and 8: knit all sts

Round 9: *ssk, k4, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts decreased. 72 sts on needle)

Rounds 10, 11, and 12: knit all sts

Round 13: *ssk, k2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts decreased. 48 sts on needle)

Rounds 14, 15, and 16: knit all sts

Round 17: *ssk, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts decreased. 24 sts on needle)

Rounds 18, 19, and 20: knit all sts

Round 21: *ssk, repeat from * to end of round (12 sts decreased. 12 sts on needle)

Round 22: knit all sts

Round 23: *ssk, repeat from * to end of round (6 sts decreased. 6 sts on needle)

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts.

Use remaining yarn from Color B to make pom pom, if desired.

Weave in ends. Block hat by soaking and lay flat to dry.

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