LADDERS & BRICKS HAT

A Slipped Stitch Cap Knitting Pattern by Holly Beemer





SIZING

child: 20-25" circumference, 7" from brim to crown adult: 20-25" circumference, 8.5" from brim to crown

MATERIALS

YARN

40 yards of Bernat Softee Chunky in *Dark Mauve* 40 yards of Bernat Softee Chunky in *Glowing Gold*

NEEDLES US #13/9 00 mm c

US #13/9.00 mm dpn

NOTIONS finishing needle stitch markers

GAUGE

10 sts x 14 rows = 4" x 4" in Stockinette stitch Working with one yarn at a time, you can replicate this faux colorwork pattern by simply slipping stitches! This pattern works particularly well on highly contrasting colors.

PATTERN

This hat is worked in the round from the brim to the crown using oversize needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC - contrast color CO - cast on k - knit k2tog - knit 2 stitches together; single right-leaning decrease MC - main color p - purl PM - place marker sl - slip ssk - slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease st(s) - stitch(es)

SETUP

CO 44 sts with MC, PM, and join for working in the round, taking care not to twist. While working, slip the marker at the end of each round and continue.

BRIM

Work 10 rounds of 1x1 ribbing (*k1, p1*).

BODY

These four rounds form the body:

In CC: 1 and 2 - *sl1, k3*

In MC: 3 and 4 - k all

Repeat these 4 rows until hat measures 6"/7.5" (child/adult) or 1" shy of desired length.

CROWN SHAPING

Work rows 1 - 3 once more, then begin decreasing as follows using MC only:

1 - *ssk, k2* [33 sts] 2 - k all 3 - *k1, k2tog* [22 sts] 4 - k all 5 - *k2tog* [11 sts]

Snip yarn and draw through remaining stitches.

FINISHING

Create pompom and attach to crown. Weave in ends. Block lightly if desired.

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