

MODULAR HAT

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2 colors of DK Weight yarn
One #6 circular needle, 16 inches long
One set of double points - also size 6
a 3rd color is optional for Curly Q trim
Markers and/or large safety pins

Bytof = bring yarn to front
Bytob = bring yarn to back

Cast on 88 stitches, join in the round and work in garter stitch for 12 rows. (knit 1 row, purl 1 row.)

In the next row, decrease to 66 stitches. We will now work 11 stitches in each entrelac triangle (in garter stitch), as follows:

Turn to the wrong side and purl 2 sts, turn.

Knit 2, turn

Purl 3 sts, turn

Knit 3 sts, turn

Purl 4 sts, turn

Knit 4 sts, turn. Keep on in this manner until you have purl 11 stitches. Now place a marker and move on and begin again (still on the wrong side) and purl 2 sts and turn.

When you are finished you have 6 triangles with 11 sts on each one.

NOTE: If it is easier, you can place each set of 11 sts on a large safety pin or holder, but it is not necessary, they will just remain there on your needle.

Now change color, and with right side facing you, place 1 set of 11 raw stitches waiting for you, onto a double point needle. Knit 9 of these stitches, knit the last 2 together. Now pick up 1 stitch at the base of your band. and then pick up 10 stitches from the side of the next triangle to your left. Turn your work, and knit 10, bring yarn to the front, and slip the center stitch, and put yarn to the back, and knit 9 sts, bring yarn to front and slip the last st as to purl.

On these 21 stitches you will work a mitered diamond: Each row will begin with knitting the 1st st through the back loop, until the last stitch. Bring yarn to front, and slip last stitch as to purl.

Directions for the DD (double decrease):

DD = Slip 2 sts as to knit, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over (DECREASES ARE WORKED ONLY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR WORK)

1. RS k9, DD, k9
2. WS k9, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k9
3. RS k8, DD, k8

4. WS k8, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k8
5. RS k7, DD, k7
6. WS k7, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k7
7. RS k6, DD, k6
8. WS k6, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k6
9. RS k5, DD, k5
- 10 WS k5, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k5
11. RS k4, DD, k4
12. WS k4, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k4
13. RS k3, DD, k3
14. WS k3, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k3
15. RS k2, DD, k2
16. WS k2, bytof, slip 1, bytob, k2
17. RS k1, DD, k1
18. WS k1, bytof, slip 1, bytob k1
19. RS DD, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over. Insert in the ball of yarn through the remaining stitch loop!

Switch to a Changing Color, and repeat the process. This time, with right side facing you, pick up 9 sts down one side of the finished diamond, pick up (by digging into the top of the entrelac triangle - 1 stitch, and now finish by picking up 9 sts up the other side of the next finished diamond. Total of 8 plus 3 for the DD, and 8 more = 19 sts

You will be making a slightly smaller mitered diamond - so we can begin to taper toward the top of the hat. Your numbers for Row 1 will be RS k8, DD, k8 (a total of 19 sts)

Keep on in this manner - the next set of mitered diamonds will have 17 sts, and then 15 and so on. The hat should be at least 7 inches deep (from beginning to top of hat). Sew together the remaining sides of the last set of diamonds and close up the top. Add a top-knotch if you wish (pom pom, I cord, or maybe you like it with no topping.)

Curly Q Edging

Cast on 2. Bind off 4. Repeat over and over on edges.

With a 3rd or contrasting color, pick up and knit 1 stitch in the bottom edge of the hat. In this stitch, cast on 2 sts, and bind off 4 sts. (the 1st two stitches to be bound off are the ones you just cast on, then move to the next stitch on the edge of the hat and pick up and knit 1 stitch. Bind off a 3rd stitch. Then do that again, picking up and knitting a 4th stitch and bind it off. Now begin again, by casting ON 2 stitches into that 1 stitch remaining on your needle. Just do this over and over all around the hat. Once more here's how:

(I use the add on method, for the casting on the 2 stitches.) Then you will have 3 sts on the left needle. Knit 2 sts, bind off 1. Knit another st and bind off the 2nd stitch. Now insert your needle into the garment and knit up a stitch. Bind off a 3rd st. Insert your needle into the garment and bind off a 4th st. Now begin again at the beginning, casting on 2 stitches into the 1 stitch on your left needle.

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