

THE HAT FOR SPRING!



Materials: Encore Colorspun #7021
Size 9 circular (16")
Size 9 double points for the top
Size 8 circular (16") for the cast on

Abbreviations: K2TBL = knit 2 sts together through back loops
K2tog = knit 2 sts together

Gauge: 4.5 sts = 1 inch
Finished hat will be 20 (22) inches, and has some stretch besides.

CAST ON: 90 (99) (Multiple of 9 stitches)

(Use size 8 for the cast on and the first row, then change to size 9 for the rest of the hat)

Knit 8, purl 1, repeat between *'s all around. Repeat this round until your entire hat measures 5, 5.5 or 6 inches (depending on baby, child or adult size.) You'll have 10(11) sections.

Round 1: Decrease 1 st in every other section (K3, K2tog, K3, P1)

Round 2: Decrease 1 st in the remaining sections as in Round 1

Round 3: *K2 TBL, K5, P1* Repeat between *'s all around.

Round 4: Knit even

Round 5: *K4, K2tog, P1* Repeat between *'s

Round 6: Knit even

Round 7: *K2TBL, K3, P1* Repeat between *'s

Round 8: Knit even

Round 9: *K2, K2tog, P1* Repeat between *'s

You'll have to be changing to double points about now.

Round 10: Knit even

Round 11: *K2TBL, K1, P1* Repeat between *'s

Round 12: *K2tog, P1* Repeat between *'s

Round 13: *K2TBL* Repeat between *'s

The top of the hat probably needs no decoration, but if it is for a girl, then you might like an I cord bow (see below); or try a pom-pom using bits of different colors.

I Cord Bow: Now decrease to 6 sts. Separate 3 sts on each double point. Work 6 inches of I cord on each set of 3 sts, finishing off the I cord by k1, k2tog and Bind off 1 st. Thread on a sewing needle and insert the point down through the middle of the cord to secure it. Tie the 2 ends in a bow.

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