

Galena Hat

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I purchased three 66-yard balls of chunky weight yarn from the sale bins just before leaving on a weekend trip to Galena, Illinois. I started knitting the hat in the car on the drive up and finished it on the way back. The leftovers from the contrasting colors are sufficient to knit another hat using the same number of stitches.

Gauge: 3 sts = 1"

Materials

Yarn: 66 yards main color (MC) (dark green)
20 yards contrast color A (CCA) (light green)
10 yards contrast color B (CCB) (pale peach)

Needles: 16" Size US # 10.5 circular (or size needed for gauge)
Size US # 10.5 double-pointed needles

Notions: 8 stitch markers (7 of same color and 1 of different color)
tapestry needle

Size: 22"

Abbreviations

K = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **P** = Purl; **PM** = Place Marker; **RND** = Round; **ST** = Stitch(es);

Instructions

Cast on 64 sts in CCA. Join in rnd. PM (different color) to mark beginning of rnd. P 3 rnds. Break off CCA

Change to MC and K 3 rnds. Without breaking off MC, change to CCB and K 1 rnd. P 3 rnds. Break off CCB.

With MC, K 3 rnds. Without breaking off MC, change to CCA and K 1 rnd. P 3 rnds. Break off CCA.

Resume MC, K even until hat measures 6 inches from cast-on edge. Place markers every 8 sts.

Decrease for crown, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Row 1: (K 6, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 2 K.

Row 3: (K5, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 4 K.

Row 5: (K4, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 6 K.

Row 7: (K3, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 8 K.

Row 9: (K2, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 10 K.

Row 11: (K1, K2tog) 8 times.

Row 12 K.

Row 13: (K2 tog) 8 times.

Row 14: (K2tog) 4 times.

Break yarn and thread end through remaining 4 sts using tapestry needle. Take end to inside of hat and weave in end. Weave in all other ends. Any excess yarn can be used to make a tassel, pompom, or braid for the top.