



Hat with Helix Stripes

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Gauge: 6 sts = 1"

Materials

Yarn: 1 ball in each of 3 colors (A, B, C) of Laines du Nord CashSilk (25g and 67 yards/skein)

Needles: DPNs and 16" circular, Size US #7 (or size needed for gauge)

Notions: stitch marker

Size: 20"

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **DPN** = Double Pointed Needles; **RND** = Round.

Instructions

CO 120 sts on circular needle with A; join into round, being careful not to twist. Place marker to indicate beginning of a round.

Establish Helix Strip Pattern:

Rnd 1: K40 with A, drop color A; K40 with B, drop B; K40 with C. **DO NOT TWIST** yarns when changing colors – simply drop the old color and pick up the new. Work the last st of the old color and the first st of the new color loosely; the tension can be adjusted later, but it's impossible to loosen too-tight color changes after the fact.

Rnd 2: K40 with C, drop C; K40 with A, drop A; K40 with B.

Rnd 3: K40 with B, drop B; K40 with C, drop C; K40 with A.

Repeat these three rounds to 6.5" from cast-on edge. Note that each new round will begin with the color that ended the previous round.

Decrease

Maintain the Helix Stripe pattern through Rnd 14.

Rnd 1: *K6, K2tog, repeat from * around [105 sts]

Rnd 2: (and all even rnds) K around.

Rnd 3: *K5, K2tog, repeat from * around [90 sts]

Rnd 5: *K4, K2tog, repeat from * around [75 sts]

Rnd 7: *K3, K2tog, repeat from * around [60 sts]

Rnd 9: *K2, K2tog, repeat from * around [45 sts]

Rnd 11: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * around [30 sts]

Rnd 13: *K2tog, repeat from * around [15 sts]

Rnd 15: With a single color, *K2tog, repeat from * around, end K1 [8 sts]

Cut yarns; thread tail of last color used through remaining sts and draw up. Sew in all ends.

Variation

Work the first inch or so in a single color before beginning the Helix Strip pattern. This will require the purchase of an additional ball of that color.