Cozy Coneflower Hat

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Materials

Sizes

Adult – approx. 22-23" (small child – approx. 20")

Yarn

Worsted Weight: 100 yds main color; 60 yds contrast

Needles

Size 7 (or size to get gauge) – a 16" or 20" circular, plus a set of double-points (bamboo dp's are best)

Size 8 – a long straight needle or 24": circular

Misc: Stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors

sl 1 = Slip one st purlwise with yarn in back

ssk = SI 1 knitwise, sI 1 knitwise, k tog thru back of sts

Gauge

9 sts = 2" over stockinette st; 13 rows = 2"

Guild member Chris Beck has shared her design for Cozy Coneflower Hat with MKG Community Projects. This is a simple stitch pattern knit with just one color per round. Easy enough for advanced beginners. (Note: if you change the size of the hat, be sure the stitch count is a multiple of 6.)

DIRECTIONS

Cast on 96 (78) sts with your main color [MC] on size 8 needle; transfer to size 7 circular needle. Join, being careful not to twist the cast-on sts. Place a marker at the start of the round [rnd]. Do 8 rnds of k1-p1 ribbing (for a slightly tighter rib, k in the back of the k sts on every other rnd)

Begin Slip Stitch Pattern:

Rnd 1: switch to contrast color [CC] and knit entire rnd

Rnd 2: with MC, start slip st pattern: *k1, sl1* and repeat *-* to end of rnd

Rnd 3: knit entire rnd with CC

Rnd 4: with MC: *sl 1, k1* repeat *-* to end of rnd

Work these four rnds 9 (7) times total – hat should measure 5-3/8" (4-3/8") to cast-on edge.

Begin the crown:

Knit one rnd with CC – (this gives a nice finished look to the slip stitch section)

Knit two rnds with MC

Next rnd: with CC, do slip st pattern: *k1, sl1* and repeat *-* to end of rnd; cut yarn, leaving enough to weave in. (Omit this round if you'd prefer a plain crown.)

Using MC for remainder of hat, knit 1-3 more rnds or until hat is 6-3/8" (5-3/8") from cast-on edge.

Begin decrease: Place markers every 16 (13) sts to make 6 sections. (Remember to adjust the stitch count for the sections if you make a different hat size.)

Every rnd: knit to last 3 sts in each section, ssk, k1

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When you can't knit comfortably on the circular needle, move sts to three dp needles, putting two sections on each needle, and keeping the marker at center of each needle.

Continue decreasing each section every rnd until 6 sts remain.

Cut yarn and thread tapestry needle; thread thru the 6 sts and pull them snug. Weave all ends in and block hat. Add a pompom if desired, tying it with a bow inside the top of the hat so it can be removed when the hat is washed.



Closeup of the stitch pattern. The CC forms the background color, with the alternating MC sts making a diagonal lattice that resembles coneflower heads.

For additional variations, you can purchase the full Cozy Coneflower Hat pattern at: https://www.ravelry.com/designers/chris-beck

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