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Side-to-Side Hat



This hat is knitted in the flat with a garter stitch trim and stocking stitch body. It starts at one ear, increase until the halfway line, then decrease down the other side. Changing colours at the end of the rows gives you stripes that loop from the front of the hat to the back in parallel lines.

You will need:

2 shades of dk yarn

knitting needles (3.25mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern:

See 'Notes' for tension and colour charting grid.

Cast on 22 sts.

Work the following, changing colours after row 2 and every four rows subsequently. Do not cut the yarn at the colour change, carry it along the back edge of the hat.

Row 1: p1, k9, kfb x 2, k10 (24)

Row 2: p1, k9, pfb x 4, k10 (28)

Row 3: p1, k27

Row 4: p1, k9, p8, k10

Row 5: p1, k9, [k1, inc] x 7, kfb, k10 (36)

Rows 6 to 8:

“Work Flat” for three rows as follows:

Even Rows: p1, k9, purl to last 10sts, k10

Odd Rows: p1, knit to the end

Row 9: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k1] x 8, k10 (44)

Rows 10 to 12: Work Flat

Row 13: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k2] x 8, k10 (52)

Row 14 to 16: Work Flat

Row 17: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k3] x 8, k10 (60)

Rows 18 to 20: Work Flat

Row 21: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k4] x 8, k10 (68)

Rows 22 to 28: Work Flat

Row 29: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k5] x 8, k10 (76)

Rows 30 to 32: Work Flat

Row 33: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k6] x 8, k10 (84)

Rows 34 to 40: Work Flat

Row 41: p1, k9, [k1, inc, k7] x 8, k10 (92)

Rows 42 to 64: Work Flat

Row 65: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k6] x 8, k10 (84)

Rows 66 to 72: Work Flat

Row 73: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k5] x 8, k10 (76)

Rows 74 to 76: Work Flat

Row 77: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k4] x 8, k10 (68)

Rows 78 to 84: Work Flat

Row 85: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k3] x 8, k10 (60)

Rows 86 to 88: Work Flat

Row 89: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k2] x 8, k10 (52)

Rows 90 to 92: Work Flat

Row 93: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog, k1] x 8, k10 (44)

Rows 94 to 96: Work Flat

Row 97: p1, k9, [k1, k2tog] x 8, k10 (36)

Rows 98 to 100: Work Flat

Row 101: p1, k9, k2tog x 8, k10 (28)

Row 102: p1, k9, p8, k10

Row 103: p1, k9, k2tog x 4, k10 (24)

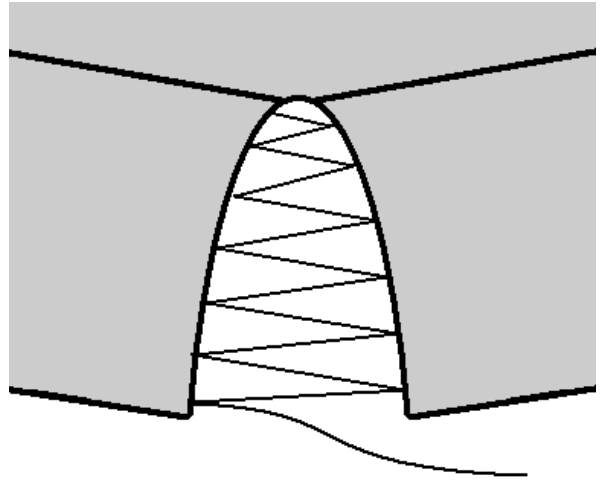
Row 104, p1, k9, p2tog x 2, k10 (22)

Cast off remaining stitches.

Making Up:

The shaping in the hat will naturally bend the cast-on and cast-off stitches into an arch (image right). To finish off sew the two sides of each arch together. You could leave the stitches unsewn but it will make your ears cold when you wear the hat.

Weave in any remaining loose ends. There won't be many if the hat has been knitted as described, but if you've been a bit more adventurous with the colouring (see Variations) it may take a while!



Variations:

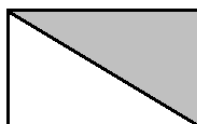
As described the hat will have regular rows of alternating colours, but I also wanted to be able to work up more complicated patterns that take advantage of the hat's construction. To that aim I drew up the pattern as a knitting chart grid (see final page). The chart is worked from the cast on edge at the bottom to the cast off edge at the top. Thicker lines show the divisions between the garter stitch trim / body of the hat and also between repeating sections of shaping, which are nine stitches across at the maximum. To represent a hemispherical pattern on a flat grid I had to include wedges of grey. Just skip over them and work stitches in each horizontal line continuously.

I've used two symbols on the grid. This one represents an increase stitch:



The symbol indicates how at the start of the row (bottom of the grid row) there is no stitch at all. The grey parts of the grid are ignored so there isn't a stitch at the base. By the end of the row (top of the grid row) there is a stitch because the grey has been superseded.

This symbol represents a decrease stitch:



Because at the start (bottom) of the row there is a stitch but at the end (top) there is not.

Notes:

Tension

This is a shallow hat so be careful not to knit too tightly. Using 3.25mm needles 10 sts x 10 sts of the stocking stitch hat fabric covers an area of around 4.2cm wide by 2.8cm tall. This makes a hat that fits a head with circumference 57cm.

Abbreviations

[] x number (number)	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
inc	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row. Pick up a loop from the previous row and knit into it to make a stitch (+1 stitch).
k number	Knit this number of stitches.
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
sts	Stitches.

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!

