

Jona's Hat



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Yarn: Worsted weight (#4), one ball of the main color and one ball of the contrasting color.

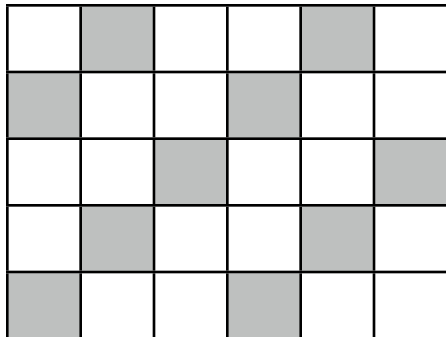
Needles: Size 9 double pointed needles (set of five). I use the bamboo ones because they have enough grip to keep the yarn from falling off. Use four needles to carry the yarn, it causes a lot less stress where the yarn joins together and lessens the chance of laddering.

Okay now start knitting by casting on 108 stitches being careful not to twist the stitches around the needles (or you'll have to start over). Divide the stitches evenly between the four needles, 27 each. Place a marker at the beginning of the round. knit stockinette in the round until you have 24 rows. This will give you the rolled edge and a little more room before you start on the pattern.

At this point you can start the pattern, using the contrasting color yarn knit in the "Fair Isle" technique. If you don't know how to do fair isle this is a good time to start however I am not going to teach you here. There are many good resources on the internet that even include videos that help you step by step. The pattern is provided on the next page.

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Pattern:



The grey in the pattern represents the main color and the white, the contrasting color. When the pattern is complete, tie off the contrasting color yarn and weave in the tail end.

Continue knitting rows in the round until the height of the hat is approximately the length of the hand of intended wearer. (I know it sounds funny but it really works that way).

At that point begin to decrease the hat as follows:

At the beginning of the round marker K8, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

K7, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

(Do you see a trend forming here?).

K6, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

K5, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

K4, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

K3, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

K2, K2tog, repeat for one round.

Knit one round without decreasing.

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Continue K2, K2tog, alternating with knit one round without repeating until you have 20 stitches remaining. Cut yarn leaving an 18" tail. thread yarn through a a yarn needle, slip the remaining stitches on to it, then pull snug to close the hole and secure with a knot INSIDE the hat and then weave in the tail and clip.

Now you have a cool hat like Jona, wasn't that easy?