

C'est La Vita Beret

Materials: 1 skein, Plymouth Avita (73% baby alpaca, 17% lurex, 10% nylon; 214 yds)
I used approximately 129yds
1, US 7, 16" circular needle,
1, US 9, 16" circular needle, US 9 dpns,
1 contrasting bor stitch marker, 6 matching stitch markers.

Gauge: 4 sts/inch on US 7, 3 sts/inch on US 9 in k1, p1 rib, unstretched.

Note: Brim pattern is in a multiple of 12 sts.

One size. 20" circumference, unstretched.

Adjust size by casting on 12 more sts for a bigger hat or 12 fewer sts for a smaller hat.

Begin pattern:

Using the smaller needle and the long tail method, *cast on 12 sts, pm. Repeat from * 6 more times. The last marker should be the bor marker. 84 total sts.

Join into the round being careful not to twist sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib until work measures 1 1/2" from cast on edge.

Brim pattern:

Rd 1: *(kfb, p1) 6 times, sm. Repeat from * 6 more times. 18 sts between markers, 126 sts total.

Rd 2: k1, p2 until the end, slipping markers as you go.

Rd 3: *kfb, k1, p1, (ssk, p1) twice, k1, p1 (k2tog, p1) twice, kfb. Repeat from * 6 more times. 16 sts between markers, 112 total.

Rd 4: *kfb, p1, k1, p1, ssk twice, k1, k2tog twice, p1, kfb, p1. Repeat from * 6 more times. 14 sts between markers, 98 total.

Rd 5: *k1, p2, kfb, p1, ssk, k1, k2tog, kfb, k1, p2. Repeat from * 6 more times. 14 sts between markers, 98 total.

Rd 6: *(k1, p2) twice, cdd, p2, k1, p2. Repeat from * 6 more times. 12 sts between markers, 84 sts total.

Rd 7: k1, p2 until the end.

Rd 8: kfb, k1, p1 until the end. 16 sts between markers, 112 total.

Rd 9: Change to larger needles, k1, p1 until the end, removing markers as you go.

Continue in k1, p1 rib, until hat measures 6-7" from cast on edge.

Crown Decreases:

Change to dpns when needed.

Rd 1: *ssk, (k1, p1) 3 times. Repeat from * 13 more times. 14 sts decreased. 98 sts total.

Rd 2: *k2, p1, (k1, p1) twice. Repeat from * 13 more times. 0 sts decreased.

Rd 3: *ssk, (p1, k1) twice, p1. Repeat from * 13 more times. 84 sts.

Rd 4: k1, p1 until the end.

Rd 5: *ssk, (k1, p1) twice. Repeat from * 13 more times. 70 sts.

Rd 6: *k2, p1, k1, p1. Repeat from * 13 more times.

Rd 7: *ssk, p1, k1, p1. Repeat from * 13 more times. 56 sts.

Rd 8: k1, p1 until the end.

Rd 9: *ssk, k1, p1. Repeat from * 13 more times. 42 sts.

Rd 10: *ssk, p1. Repeat from * 13 more times. 28 sts.

Rd 11: ssk until the end. 14 sts.

Rd 12: ssk until the end. 7 sts.

Finishing: Break yarn leaving a 6" tail. Using tapestry needle, draw tail through remaining 7 sts and pull snug to close the top of beret. Weave in loose ends.

Abbreviations:

Bor: beginning of the round.

Cdd: center double decrease(s2kp2) slip the next 2 stitches together knitwise, knit the next stitch, pass 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

K2tog: Right leaning decrease. Knit 2 stitches together. (decreases 1 stitch)

Kfb: Knit into the front and back of the stitch. (increases 1 stitch)

PM: Place marker.

SSK: Left leaning decrease. Slip 2 stitches, knitwise, 1 at a time, knit the 2 stitches together through the back loop. (decreases 1 stitch)

Sts: stitches