YARN TWISTERS

Checkers
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Mosaic knitting is a great colourwork technique to create geometric patterns in your knits while only knitting with one colour at a time. This hat is a great introduction to learning mosaic knitting.

MATERIALS & INFO

Yarn: 2 balls Double Sunday by Sandnes Garn; 108 m/50 grams; 100% merino wool

Colour 1 (C1): 5581 (darker)

Colour 2 (C2): 3521 (lighter)

Gauge: 20 sts by 36 Rnds equal 4" by 4" in mosaic pattern in the round after blocking

Needles: 3.5 mm (US 4) and 4 mm (US 6) 16" circular needle and 4 mm (US 6) DPN or long circular needle for magic loop; or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: stitch marker, darning needle, pompom (optional)

Finished size: Circumference 19"; Height 9"

Notes:

One size only, but size can be adjusted by increasing or decreasing stitches in multiples of 4

Sample used approx 42 grams of C1 and 15 grams of C2

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR - beginning of Rnd

CO - cast on

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 together; insert needle into the next 2 sts, knit the 2 sts together as one (1 st decreased)

p- purl

Rnd - round

sl – slip

st/sts - stitch/stitches

wyib - with yarn in back

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

With smaller needles and C1, CO 92 sts, join to knit in the Rnd, careful to not twist your sts, place marker to denote the BOR

Ribbing

Rnd 1: *k2, p2*, repeat ** to end of Rnd

Repeat Rnd 1 until ribbing measures 2"

Body (switch to larger needles)

Rnds 1 & 2: k

Rnds 3 & 4 with C2: *k2, sl2 wyib*, repeat ** to end of Rnd

Rnds 5 & 6 with C1: k

Rnds 7 & 8 with C2: *sl2 wyib, k2*, repeat ** to end of Rnd

Rnds 9 to 64: repeat Rnds 1 to 8 **seven** more times

Decreases (switch to DPN's or longer circular needle for magic loop when sts no longer fit comfortably on the 16" needle)

Rnd 1 with C1: *k2tog, k2*, repeat ** to end of Rnd (69 sts)

Rnd 2: k

Rnds 3 & 4 with C2: *k1, sl2 wyib*, repeat ** to end of Rnd

Rnd 5 with C1: *k1, k2tog*, repeat ** to end of Rnd (46 sts)

Rnd 6: k

Rnds 8 & 7 with C2: *sl1 wyib, k1*, repeat ** to end of Rnd, cut C2

Rnd 9: *k2tog*, repeat ** to end of Rnd (23sts)

Rnd 10: *k2tog*, repeat ** to last st, k1 (12 sts)

Rnd 11: *k2tog*, repeat ** to end of Rnd (6 sts)

Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail, thread through remaining sts and pull tight to close the hole, weave in ends and block hat to relax the sts

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