

mulberry hat

Easy, cheerful, and elegant were the three words I had in mind when I designed this hat. A band of matching elastic trim sewn to the outside of the hat helps to accentuate the close fit at the top of the head and the slightly flared brim, while the rich, radiant mulberry yarn provides a blast of uplifting color—perfect for a gray and dreary day.

NOTE

✧ When starting the Hat, you may find it easier to work on 3 double-pointed needles (dpns) than on 4. Adjust stitch positions accordingly and change to 4 dpns when there are enough stitches to fit comfortably. Change to circular needle when there are enough stitches to fit on the needle.

CROWN

CO 8 sts. Distribute evenly among 4 dpns; place marker (pm) for beginning of rnd and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Shape Crown

RND 1: *K1-f/b; repeat from * to end—16 sts.

RND 2: *K2, pm; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2—7 markers placed in addition to beginning of rnd marker.

INCREASE RND: Increase 8 sts this rnd, then every other rnd 14 (15, 16) times, as follows: *K1-f/b, knit to marker, slip marker (sm); repeat from * to end—136 (144, 152) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures 2 ¼ (2 ½, 2 ¾)" from last increase, removing all 7 shaping markers on first rnd.

NEXT RND: *K17 (18, 19), pm; repeat from * 5 times, knit to end.

sizes

Small (Medium, Large)

finished measurements

17 ½ (19, 20 ¼)" head circumference

yarn

Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran (55% merino wool/33% microfibre/12% cashmere; 98 yards/50 grams): 2 (2, 3) balls #O13 Wine

needles

One 16" (40 cm) long circular (circ) needle size US 6 (4 mm)

One set of five double-pointed needles (dpn) size US 6 (4 mm)

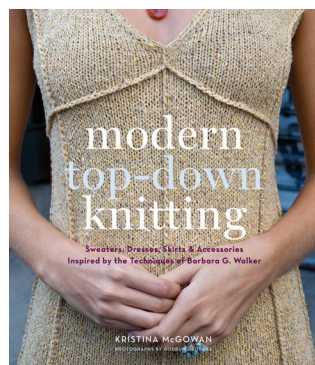
Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

notions

Stitch markers; crochet hook size US E/4 (3.5 mm); tapestry needle; ¾ yard ½"-wide elastic ribbon; sewing needle and matching thread

gauge

22 sts and 26 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch (St st)



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Shape Hat

DECREASE RND: Decrease 8 sts this rnd, then every rnd 4 times, as follows:
*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; repeat from * to end—96 (104, 112) sts remain. BO all sts.

BRIM

Work 2 rnds sc (see tutorial on page 150) along BO edge. Using circ needle, pick up and knit 96 (104, 112) sts along crocheted edge. Pm for beginning of rnd and join.

INCREASE RND 1: *K1-f/b, k11 (12, 13); repeat from * to end—104 (112, 120) sts. Knit 1 rnd.

INCREASE RND 2: *K1-f/b, k12 (13, 14); repeat from * to end—112 (120, 128) sts. Knit 2 rnds. BO all sts. Using crochet hook, work 1 rnd sc around BO edge.

FINISHING

Thread CO tail onto tapestry needle and pull through 8 CO sts. Pull tightly and secure. Weave in all ends. Block as desired. Sew elastic ribbon to RS of hat, covering sc band entirely.

SEWING TRIM ONTO KNITS

No elaborate sewing skills are required here. For a clean and polished result, I just make sure that my trim and thread match well. All of the trims mentioned above can be sewn on by hand using a medium-length sharp sewing needle, thread, and slip stitches, as follows:

1: To start, cut your trim to the length of the area to be covered. Thread a needle with a single ply of thread and secure the end with a knot. Come up through the back of your trim and pull the needle through to the front.

2: Bring the needle down just outside the edge of the trim and take a small stitch through the knit. Bring the needle up through the trim again, just to the right of the first stitch (A). Repeat until the entire edge of the trim along one side is stitched to the knitted item.

3: Repeat steps 1 and 2 to secure the other edge of the trim to the knitted item.

4: If working circularly, fold one end of the trim over $\frac{1}{4}$ " at its edge, and lay it on top of the other end of the trim. Secure the ends neatly with a few slip stitches (B). If you are not sewing trim circularly, fold both ends of the trim over $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the edges of the knitted border and sew in place with a few slip stitches.

