

Sugar on Snow

design by Lee Wood Juvan

Materials: [MC] 1 skein of Shokay's Shambala 100% pure yak down in Regal [CC] 1 skein of Shokay's Shambala 100% pure yak down in Nocturne 1 set US #9/5.5 mm 16-inch circular needle 1 set US #5/3.75mm double-point needles Stitch Marker Tapestry Needle

Size: XS [S, M, L] To fit 6-12 months [12 months-3 years, 4 years/adult small, adult medium/large]

Finished Measurements:

Circumference: stretches to 16-18 [16-18, 18-20, 20-22] inches Length: 7.5[8.5, 9.5, 10.5] inches

Gauge: 16 sts/23 rows = 4" in mock-cable rib, lightly stretched

NOTE:

To avoid risk of entanglement, do not use as a neck warmer on small children! Pattern includes a smaller tassel size for small children; be sure to fasten I-cord securely (or sew in place) in hat configuration.

Neck Warmer (Hat

Using circular needle with MC, CO 64[68, 72, 76] sts. Place marker and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. Work Rounds 1-4 of Baby Cable Rib pattern 7[8, 9, 10] times, then work Rounds 1-3 once more.

Eyelet Round: [K2tog but do not drop sts from left needle, k into first of these sts again, drop both sts from left needle, yo, p2tog] to end. Work 6 more rounds in pattern as set. BO all sts loosely in pattern.

Cord

Using double-point needles and CC, CO 3 sts. Work I-Cord for 10 [10, 22, 25] inches.

Leaf Turn work; leaf front will be worked back and forth.

Front

Row 1 [WS]: Pfb, k1, Pfb. 5 sts. *Row 2 [RS]: K2, yo, k1, yo, k2. 7 sts. Odd-numbered Rows 3-15 [WS]: P all sts. Row 4 [RS]: K3, yo, k1, yo, k3. 9 sts. Row 6 [RS]: K4, yo, k1, yo, k4. 11 sts. Row 8 [RS]: Ssk, k7, k2tog. 9 sts. Row 10 [RS]: Ssk, k5, k2tog. 7 sts. Row 12 [RS]: Ssk, k3, k2tog. 5 sts. Row 14 [RS]: Ssk, k1, k2tog. 3 sts.



Row 16 [RS]: Sl 1, k2tog, psso. Break yarn, draw through remaining st, and pull tight.*

Back

Leaving an 18-inch tail, CO 5 sts. Work from * to * as for Leaf Front. Make 3 leaves.

Finishing

Weave in ends on hat/neckwarmer; do not block. Block leaf pieces gently. Sew one Leaf Back to Leaf Front, with wrong sides together. (Use long yarn tail at CO edge of Leaf Back to sew seam.) Thread I-cord through eyelets on hat, beginning and ending with I-cord on outside of hat (for some sizes, you will need to thread I-cord through one eyelet twice). Sew remaining Leaf Backs together with wrong sides together, and sew to CO end of Cord.

To wear as a hat, cinch top with cord, wrap cord ends once around top of hat and tie in a bow. You can adjust the length of the tassels by wrapping the I-cord more or fewer times around the hat top. For infants and small children, sew I-cord bow in hat position with sewing needle and matching thread.

To wear as a neck warmer (for older children and adults), unfasten bow, pull over head, and fold over as a turtleneck with cables on the outside (see photo of Lee Wood Juvan).





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Abbreviations

MC: main color CC: contrasting color CO: cast on k: Knit p:Purl st: stitch k2tog: Knit 2 sts together p2tog: Purl 2 sts together RS: right side WS: wrong side pfb: purl into front and back of stitch ssk: slip 2 stitches as if to knit, then knit those 2 stitches together psso: pass slipped stitch[es] over yo: yarn over BO: bind off

Techniques

Baby Cable Rib Worked in the round over a multiple of 4 sts: Rounds 1-3: [K2, p2] to end. Round 4: [K2tog but do not drop sts from left needle, k into first of these sts again, drop both sts from left needle, p2] to end. Repeat Rounds 1-4 for Baby Cable Rib pattern. Adapted for circular knitting from Barbara Walker's A Treasury of Knitting Patterns

Biography

Lee Wood Juvan spins, dyes, knits, and chases after her two small children in Burlington, Vermont. On a good day, her husband gets home from work early, and you'll find her in her favorite cemetery, parked in her minivan, knitting and listening to an audio book. Her work has also appeared in Spin-Off.

