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1, 110 gram skein DK weight wool yarn

Size 6 US 16" circular needles and size 6 US double pointed needles (or size required to achieve gauge)

Row counter

Stitch marker or small piece of scrap yarn

Yarn needle

Sweet Loretta Step by Step

Size: One

Finished Measurements: 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " circumference, stretches to fit a variety of head sizes

Gauge: 22 sts = 4"; 29 rows = 4"

Abbreviations found at end of pattern.

1. CO 109 sts on size 6 US 16" circular needles.
2. Make sure stitches are not twisted, and slip first stitch cast on to left needle. Place marker or loop of scrap yarn on the right needle (this marks the beginning of a round), and knit the first two stitches on the left needle together. This is the first stitch of the first round. There should 108 stitches remaining on your needles.



3. Knit the first 15 rounds as follows:

1. *K1, P1* to end of round.
2. *P1, K1* to end of round.
3. Knit entire round.
4. Knit entire round.
5. *K2TOG x 3, [YO, K1] x 6, K2TOG x 3* x 6
6. Purl entire round.
7. As round 1.
8. Knit entire round.
9. Knit entire round.
10. As round 5.
11. Purl entire round.
12. As round 1.
13. Knit entire round.
14. Knit entire round.
15. As round 5.

4. After round 15, knit every round until hat measures 4 ½”.

5. When hat measures 4 ½”, it’s time to start the decreases. Reset your row counter and decrease as follows:

1. *K10, K2TOG* x 9 (99 sts remain).
2. Knit entire round.
3. Knit entire round.
4. *K9, K2TOG* x 9 (90 sts remain).



5. Knit entire round.
6. *K8, K2TOG* x 9 (81 sts remain).
7. Knit entire round.
8. Transfer stitches to 3 Size 6 US DPNs during this round, placing 27 stitches on each needle. Knit entire round.
9. *K7, K2TOG* x 9 (72 sts remain).
10. Knit entire round.
11. *K6, K2TOG* x 9 (63 sts remain).
12. Knit entire round.
13. *K5, K2TOG* x 9 (54 sts remain).
14. Knit entire round.
15. *K4, K2TOG* x 9 (45 sts remain).
16. Knit entire round.
17. *K3, K2TOG* x 9 (36 sts remain).
18. Knit entire round.
19. *K2, K2TOG* x 9 (27 sts remain).
20. Knit entire round.
21. *K1, K2TOG* x 9 (18 sts remain).
22. Knit entire round.
23. K2TOG x 9 (9 sts remain).
24. Knit entire round.
25. *K1, K2TOG* x 3 (6 sts remain).

Break yarn, leaving about a 12" tail. Thread yarn through yarn needle, and run yarn needle through the loops of the last 6 remaining stitches. Remove DPNs. Tighten yarn, knot on inside of hat and weave in ends.

Abbreviations

sts = Stitches

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

P = Purl

K2TOG = Knit two stitches together

YO = Yarn over

DPNs = Double pointed needles

... x 2 = Repeat the instructions inside the stars twice, or by however many times the pattern says

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