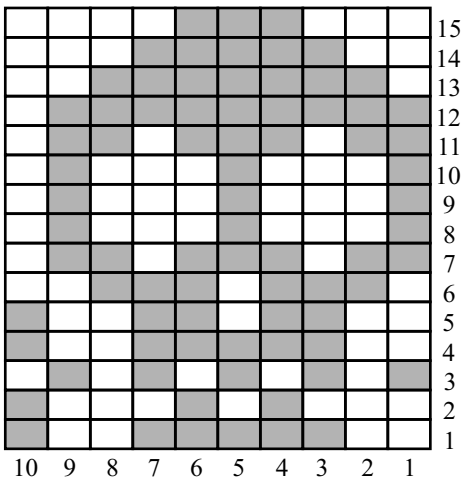
# Skull Beanie

**Materials:** Three balls of PolarKnit™ 50 m/55 yds - 2 balls Main color (MC)
- 1 ball Contrasting color (CC)

**Needles:** 7mm (US 10 ½ or 10 ¾) circular needle
7mm (US 10 ½ or 10 ¾) double pointed needles
Stitch Marker
Darning needle

**Gauge:** 12 sts and 16 rows = 4 inches (10cm) in stocking stitch. 3sts per inch.

**Finished Size:** One size fits all; 21-22 inch head circumference.

**Instructions:**
Using the circular needle and your main color (MC) cast on 60sts. Join into round being careful not to twist your stitches. Begin a rib pattern of *K2, P2*, placing a marker at the end of the row to remind you of the end.
Continue the rib pattern until you have a band 2 inches wide from your cast on edge.
Knit one full round in stocking stitch. (The rest of the hat is knit in stocking stitch.)
Begin the skull pattern using both MC and CC yarns.
After you finish the 15 rows of the skull pattern you will begin to decrease and create the crown.

**Shaping the Crown:**
Row 16: *K1 SSK, K10, K2tog, place marker* repeat 3 more times.
Row 17: K one round.
Row 18: *K1 SSK, K8, K2tog* repeat 3 more times.
Row 19: K one round.
Row 20: *K1 SSK, K6, K2tog* repeat 3 more times.
Row 21: K one round.
Row 22: *K1 SSK, K4, K2tog* repeat 3 more times.
Row 23: K one round.
Row 24: *K1 SSK, K2, K2tog* repeat 3 more times.
Row 25: *K1 SSK, K2tog* repeat 3 more times until 12 sts remain.
Row 26: *K1, K2tog* repeat 3 more times until 8 sts remain.
Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining 8 sts.
Draw tightly and secure.
Always machine wash and dry your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.