

Rasta



I really wanted a Rasta style hat like the ones that people with dreadlocks have. Since I don't have any dreadlocks I wanted to use a bulky yarn that would help the hat keep its shape when I was wearing it.

Materials

5 size 10 double pointed needles

1 skein Paton's Shetland Chunky Tweed (108 yards) in Earthy

Gauge

4X4 inch swatch in Stockinette stitch

15sts X 21 rows

Special Stitches

M1: There is a horizontal strand of yarn that runs between the two stitches in the row below. Insert the tip of the right hand needle into this strand from front to back.

Transfer this strand to the left hand needle. Now knit into the back of this strand on the left needle and remove as usual.

Pattern

Cast on 60 sts using long tail cast on method, join being careful not to twist.

1. Knit

Repeat row 1 until piece measures 1 inch.

2. *k1, p1* repeat from *to* around

3. *p1, k1* repeat from *to* around
- 4-9. Repeat rows 2 and 3
10. * K6, m1* repeat from *to* around
- Knit until piece measures 7.5 inches
11. *k6, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
- 12 and all even rows. Knit
13. *k5, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
15. *k4, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
17. *k3, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
19. *k2, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
21. *k1, k2tog* repeat from *to* around
23. K2tog around

Break yarn and weave through remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in ends.

