

Blue Mtn. Handcrafts

because a fiber addiction is cheaper than bail....

Mushroom Hat Knitting Pattern



This is a cute little pattern I came up with because I love all the "Happy Mushrooms" my daughter Katie draws and that I've seen elsewhere. The hat is more like a Tam than a traditional hat and looks adorable on small children. It can be made with any number of colors to get wildly colored mushrooms and more realistically colored mushrooms. The hat can be embellished on top with buttons for spots as well as little bug and flower buttons. The pattern is sized for infant to small adult (21").

You will need:

sz 6 DPN Knitting needles (I used 8" needles and had plenty of room)
worsted weight yarn–infant to 2-4 years approx. 1oz. of color A and 1oz. of color B
4 years to small adult approx. 2 oz. for each color A and B

6 stitch markers row counter buttons if desired crochet hook for weaving in ends and optional trim on brim

Gauge: 5 stitches per inch, 5 rows per inch

Stitches:

k-knit

p-purl

I-increase by picking up bar between stitch just worked and next stitch and knit k2tog-knit 2 together

Sizes are: 0-6 months (6 months to 2 years, 2 years to 4 years, 4 years to small adult)

Cast on: over 4 needles 64 (72, 80, 84)

- 1. Knit 1 round—place marker to mark beginning or round
- 2. K2, p2—repeat ribbing until piece measures 1 ½" (1 ½", 1 ½", 2")
- 3. Knit 9 rounds
- 4. K2, I ----repeat until end of round, 96 (108, 120, 126) stitches

****While doing increase round place a stitch marker after every 16^{th} (18^{th} , 20^{th} , 21^{st}) stitch, your beginning round marker will now be the appropriate # of stitches for the hat size being made on the 1^{st} needle—you should use all 6 markers

- 5. Knit up to the 2 stitches before your marker, k2tog----repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog
- 6. Knit 1 round

Switch to color B*

- 7. Purl 2 rounds
- 8. Knit 8 rounds
- 9. Knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog—repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog
- 10. Knit 1 round
- 11. Repeat # 9 & # 10 3 times (0-6 mo, 6-2 yr, 2-4 yr) 4 times (4 yr to small adult)
- 12. Knit 2 stitches before marker, k2tog—repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog
- 13. Repeat # 12 until there are only 6 stitches remaining on needles
- 14. Clip yarn so there is a 6" tail and with crochet hook pull through loops on needles. Pull top of hat closed and pull tail to inside of hat. Weave in loose ends.

Optional:

sew on novelty buttons





Optional Edging:

*add single crocheted edging to brim of hat slip stitching at end of round, cut yarn and weave in loose end (green and blue hat edging)

*add crocheted fan edging to brim of hat-2 single crochet, 2 double crochet, repeat to end of round, cut yarn and weave in loose ends. (Orange hat edging)

2008 by Beth Lower All Rights Reserved Blue Mountain Handcrafts http://www.bluemountainhandcrafts.com