

Slouchy Bee Hive Hat

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What happens when you are knitting with variegated yarn? You just want to see the next color change! I got carried away watching for the next color to appear and ended up with an extra long hat. I discovered I could wear it more ways than just a beanie. It's even reversible.

Pattern Notes

The purl ridges will be dominant so choose that as your main color.

Do Not break the yarn after each color change every four rows, instead carry it up from the rounds below being careful not to pull it too tight.

Any variegated colors will do. I have found it works out better if you pick two that don't have lots of colors in common and then start the balls with colors that contrast. It gives the best effect.

Gauge 5 sts/inch

Materials

2 balls of Classic Elite Liberty Wool

122 yards 50 grams

16" US7 needles and US7 DPNs

Using main color CO 80 sts adult size (CO 60 sts child size)

Join in the round being careful not to twist stitches

Place marker for the beginning of the round

Purl 4 rounds with main color

Knit 4 rounds with contrasting color

(Makes one large purl ridge)

Repeat these 8 rounds alternating colors until you have 13 (6 for child size) sets of purl ridges

Next set of knit rounds begin decreasing as follows:

(Changing to DPNs when necessary and maintaining alternate colors)

Round 1 with *K8, K2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 2 Knit

Round 3 *K7, K2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 4 Knit

Round 5 *P6, P2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 6 Purl

Round 7 *P5, P2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 8 Purl

Round 9 *K4, K2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 10 Knit

Round 11 *K3, K2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 12 Knit

Round 13 *P2, P2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 14 Purl

Round 15 *P1, P2tog* repeat to end of round

Round 16 Purl

Round 17 *P2tog* repeat to end of round

Cut 8 to 10" tail and pull end through all remaining stitches secure end