

Lindy's Knits and Laces



Beret in Bee Stitch



Yarn: Stitch Nation Full O' Sheep (100% Peruvian Wool), 4 0z – approx. 182 yard

Needles: 16 inch circular, size US 6, 16 inch circular size US 7, dpns size US 7 OR two size US 7 circulars for small diameter knitting

Gauge in Stockinette Stitch = 4.0 SPI -- Take time to check gauge.

Bee Stitch – converted for circular knitting:

Pattern is 2 stitches done over 4 rows – cast on even number of stitches, divisible by 4. Row 1: Purl all stitches Row 2: K1, K1b* – repeat across the round Row 3: Purl Row 4: K1b,K1 – repeat across the round

Cast on 80 Stitches using smaller needle. PM, Join and Knit 2 x 2 ribbing for 1.25 inches.

Switch to larger needle, K2, P2 around.

Increase row: K1, M1 around. 160 Stitches.

Begin Bee Stitch pattern. Knit in Bee Stitch for 4 inches. (Hat measures 5 inches)

First Decrease Row: Must be a Purl round. Decrease evenly by P2tog 80 Stitches.

Continue knitting in Bee Stitch (see note below*).. Knit 2 inches in pattern.

Second Decrease Row: Must be a Purl round. Decrease evenly by P2Tog around Continue with Bee Stitch and knit for 1 inches. (40 Stitches)

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Third Decrease Row: On Purl Round, decrease evenly by P2Tog across round. 20 Stitches. Continue knitting in Bee Stitch for ½ inch.

Decrease on Purl Round by P2Tog across round. 10 Stitches.

Cut yarn, leaving a long enough tail to finish and weave in the end. Pull yarn through the remaining 8 stitches and fasten off, Weave in the ends.

Wet block the beret, putting it over a 10 inch dinner plate to dry. This will make the hat the correct shape for a beret.



***Note:** when decreasing for the crown, you will need to adjust the K1b rows to maintain the pattern. If you end with K1, K1b row, then decrease on the next purl row, you should do K1, K1b on the next row to maintain the pattern . Likewise, if you end with K1b, K1 row, then decrease on the next purl row, you should do K1b, K1 on the next row.

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