



Lindy's Knits and Laces

Beret in Bee Stitch

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Yarn Weight:



Experience Level:



Intermediate / Intermédiaire / Intermedio



Size: Child/Women's Small (Fits Average Head Circumference of 20 - 21 inches)

Finished Measurement:

12 inch circumference when laid flat.

Materials:

Yarn 100 – 200 yards of Aran Weight Yarn

Two Circular Needles (16 inch length)**; Size US 7 (4.5 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Stitch markers

Tapestry Needle

Gauge: 16 stitches over 4 inches in St st. Take time to check gauge.

Abbreviations:

St	Stitch
St st	Stockinette stitch
K	Knit
K1b	Knit 1 below
P	Purl
P2Tog	Purl 2 together
M1	Make 1
PM	Place Marker

Bee Stitch Pattern (converted for knitting in the round)

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

**You can use double point needles or the magic loop technique with a longer circular needle (32" – 40") if you prefer.

Directions:

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

Increase row: K1, M1 around. 160 Stitches.

Begin Bee Stitch pattern. Knit in Bee Stitch Pattern for 4 inches, ending with Row 2 or 4 of Bee Stitch Pattern. (Hat measures 5 inches from cast on edge)

First Decrease Row: Must be a Purl round. Decrease evenly by P2tog (80 Sts).

Continue knitting in Bee Stitch Pattern. ***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.*

Knit 2 inches in pattern.

Second Decrease Row: Must be a Purl round. Decrease evenly by P2Tog around (40 sts).

Continue with Bee Stitch and knit for 1 inch.

Third Decrease Row: On Purl Round, decrease evenly by P2Tog across round. (20 Sts.).

Continue knitting in Bee Stitch for ½ inch.

Decrease on Purl Round by P2Tog across round. (10 Sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long enough tail to finish and weave in the end. Pull yarn through the remaining 10 sts 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.



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