Graduated Ribs Hat

Sometimes it's good to get out of the way of a semisolid or variegated yarn and let a simple stitch show it off. The graduated rib pattern of this unisex hat allows varying elements of the yarn's colour to come to the forefront, and ensures a snug fit on a cold day. If you want a different set of ridges, just turn it inside out!

Materials

Araucania Toconao (100% Merino, 139 yds/100g), 1 skein #401, green blue

4.5mm double pointed needles (dpns) or size to obtain gauge
stitch marker
darning needle

Gauge

17 sts, 26 rows = 4" in st st after blocking.

Finished Dimensions

The ribbed structure gives this hat significant stretch; size M fits a 21.5" head comfortably.

S (M; L) 16" around, 7" long (18" around, 7.25" long; 20" around, 7.5" long)

Abbreviations

K: knit.
K2tog: Knit two together.
P: purl.
P2tog: purl two together.
st(s): stitch(es).

Directions

Using 4.5 mm needles, cast on 81 (90, 99) sts, divide onto dpns, place marker, and join to work in the round.

Body

Round 1: *K2, P2, K3, P3, K4, P4, K3, P3, K2, P1; repeat from * to last 0 (9, 18) sts, [P1, K2, P3, K2, P1] 0, (1, 2) times.
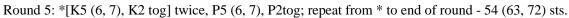
Repeat Round 1 until hat measures 4.5" from cast on.

Crown

Round 1: *[K7 (8, 9), K2 tog] twice, P7 (8, 9), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 72 (81, 90) sts.

Round 2 and all even rows: K all knit sts, P all purl sts.

Round 3: *[K6 (7, 8), K2 tog] twice, P6 (7, 8), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 63 (72, 81) sts.

Round 5: *[K5 (6, 7), K2 tog] twice, P5 (6, 7), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 54 (63, 72) sts.

Round 7: *[K4 (5, 6), K2 tog] twice, P4 (5, 6), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 45 (54, 63) sts.

Round 9: *[K3 (4, 5), K2 tog] twice, P3 (4, 5), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 36 (45, 54) sts.

Round 11: *[K2 (3, 4), K2 tog] twice, P2 (3, 4), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 27 (36, 45) sts.

Round 13: *[K1 (2, 3), K2 tog] twice, P1 (2, 3), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 18 (27, 36) sts.

Round 15: *[K0 (1, 2), K2 tog] twice, P0 (1, 2), P2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 9 (18, 27) sts – size S ends here; proceed to Finishing.

Round 17: *[– (0, 1), K2 tog] twice, P– (0, 1), P2 tog; repeat from * to end of round - – (9, 18) sts – size M ends here; proceed to Finishing.

Round 19: *[– (–, 0), K2 tog] twice, P– (–, 0), P2 tog; repeat from *to end of round - – (–, 9) sts – size L ends here; proceed to Finishing.

Finishing

Cut an 8-10" tail and thread darning needle with it, run through remaining 9 live sts, run in ends, and block hat.

right side   *reverse side*

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