

Hot Stuff by Mary Keenan

Coffee, tea, or hot chocolate? When it's really cold outside, nothing is as wonderful as getting – and staying - warm. This stranded hat doubles the insulation so you're toasty all the way to your next hot drink; three of the mugs that surround your head are even steaming! Slipped stitch stripes create a little lift over one eye if you wish, or you can rotate the hat to celebrate your beverage of choice. A warm sun (or melting marshmallow, or perhaps a dollop of whipped cream?) tops it all off. Winter doesn't get better than this.

Materials

Midnight Sheep, 'Huggable DK', (100% Bluefaced Leicester, 245 yds/100g): A - 44 (51, 58) yds, B - 75 (87, 99) yds, C - 15 (15, 17) yds.
3.5 mm/US 4 – 1 set double pointed needles
Stitch marker
Darning needle

Sizing

S: 16 ¾" around, 7 ½" long
M: 18" around, 7 ½" long
L: 19 ¼" around, 7 ¾" long
Size M stretches comfortably to fit a 22" head.

Gauge

23 sts, 28 rows = 4" in stocking stitch
(Please test your gauge! If your knitting tension is not exceptionally relaxed, you will need to go up a needle size or two.)

Abbreviations

A: colour A
B: colour B
C: colour C
K: knit
K2tog: knit 2 sts together (decrease)
m1: make one; pick up running thread before next st and place it on left needle, then knit through back of loop (increase)
P: purl
slwyib: slip st(s), unworked, from left needle to right purlwise, with yarn held in back
st(s): stitch(es)

Directions

Cast on 84 (91, 98) sts in A, place marker, and join to work in the round.

Band

Setup: In A, K3, P1, K3, *K1, P1; repeat from * to last 1 (0, 1) st, K1 (0, 1).

Round 1: In A, K3, P1, K3, *K1, P1; repeat from * to last 1 (0, 1) st, K1 (0, 1).

Round 2: In B, sl3wyib, P1, sl3wyib, *K1, P1; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 four times more, then repeat Round 1 once.

Increase Round: In C, sl3, m1, K1, m1, sl3, *K2, m1, K3, m1, K2; repeat from * to end of round – 108 (117, 126) sts.

Body

Transition 1: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, knit to end of round.

Follow Chart 1, rounds 1-7, using B for background and A for sts marked in black; carry A in front (see Notes, in margin on page 2).

Transition 2: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, knit to end of round.

Work Chart 2, rounds 1-7, according to your size. Size S: follow Chart 2. Size M: follow Chart 2, followed by Chart 2A. Size L: follow Chart 2, followed by Chart 2B. Use B for background and A for sts marked in black; carry A in front (see Notes, in margin on page 2).

Transition 3: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, knit to end of round.

Transition 4: In A, K3, in C, K3, in A, K3, in C, knit to end of round.



Notes

In stranded knitting, you carry more than one yarn along each round or row loosely, allowing enough slack in the resting yarn not to pucker the fabric. If you are working more than 5 sts in one colour (as in rounds 6-7 of Chart 2), wrap the yarns around each other on the wrong side of the fabric to ease tension on your 'floating' yarn. You must also be attentive to which yarn is closest to you, or to the front, as you go along. The front colour stands out very differently than the one carried behind it, and if you are inconsistent in the positions they hold, the work will appear inconsistent as well.

**Bridge**

Round 1: In A, knit.

Hat now measures approximately 4 ½" from cast on edge.

Note: If short, work *Body Transition 3, then Bridge Round 1; repeat from * as needed.

Crown Part One – note colour changes, represented for example by K1C, K3B (knit one st in C, then 3 in B); continue to hold yarns as described in Notes (left margin of this page.)

Size Small

Round 1: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, K1, K2tog, *K10, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 99 sts.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: In B, knit.

Round 3: In B, *K9, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 90 sts.

Round 5: In B, *K8, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 81 sts.

Round 7: In B, *K7, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 72 sts.

Round 9: In B, *K6, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 63 sts.

Round 11: *K1C, K4B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 54 sts.

Round 12: *K1C, K5B; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 13: *K1C, K3B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 45 sts.

Round 14: *K1C, K4B; repeat from * to end of round.

Cut B, leaving 6-8" tail. Proceed to Crown Part Two.

Size Medium

Round 1: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, K2, K2tog, *K11, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 108sts.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: In B, knit.

Round 3: In B, *K10, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 99sts.

Round 5: In B, *K9, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 90sts.

Round 7: In B, *K8, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 81sts.

Round 9: In B, *K7, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 72sts.

Round 11: In B, *K6, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 63sts.

Round 13: *K1C, K4B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 54sts.

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Round 14: *K1C, K5B; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 15: *K1C, K3B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 45sts.

Round 16: *K1C, K4B; repeat from * to end of round.

Cut B, leaving 6-8" tail. Proceed to Crown Part Two.

Size Large

Round 1: In B, sl3, K3, sl3, K3, K2tog, *K12, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 117sts.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14: In B, knit.

Round 3: In B, *K11, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 108 sts.

Round 5: In B, *K10, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 99sts.

Round 7: In B, *K9, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 90sts.

Round 9: In B, *K8, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 81sts.

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Round 15: *K1C, K4B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 54sts.

Round 16: *K1C, K5B; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 17: *K1C, K3B, K2tog in B; repeat from * to end of round - 45sts.

Round 18: *K1C, K4B; repeat from * to end of round.

Cut B, leaving 6-8" tail. Proceed to Crown Part Two.

Crown Part Two – worked entirely in C

Round 1: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 36 sts.

Rounds 2, 4: Knit.

Round 3: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 27 sts.

Round 5: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 18 sts.

Cut C, leaving 8-10" tail, thread it through a darning needle, and run through remaining 18 sts. Pull tight and tack inside.

Finishing

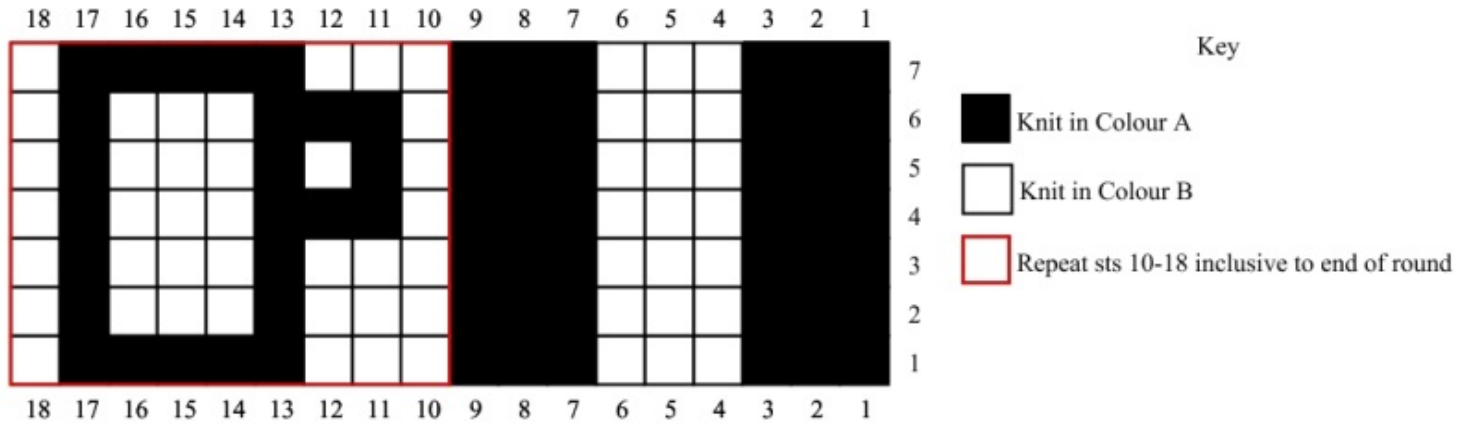
Run in ends and wet block.

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Charts

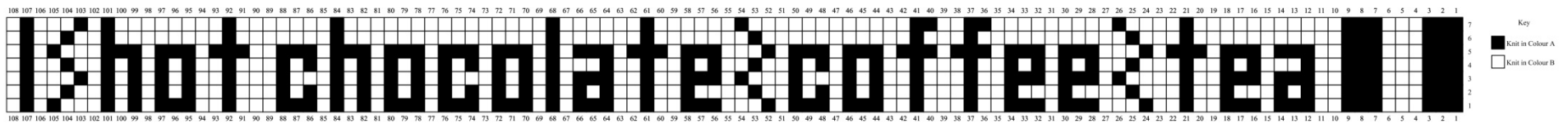
For all sizes, repeat sts 10-18 inclusive to end of round.

Hot Stuff - Chart 1



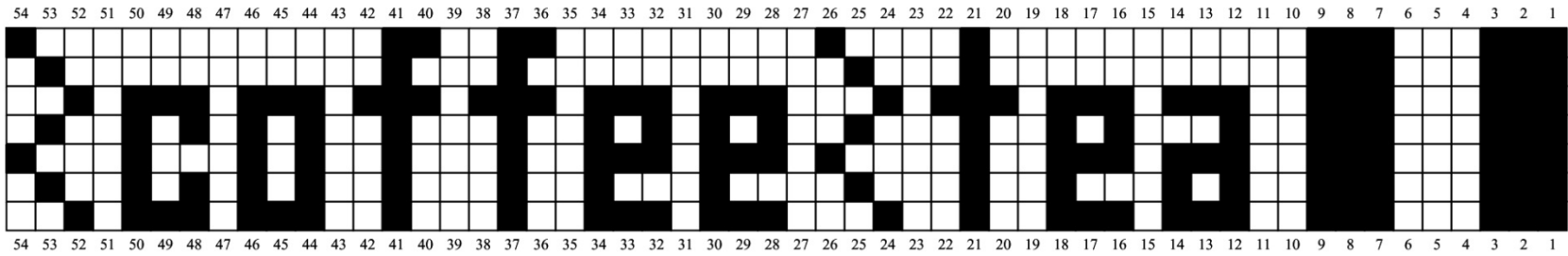
Size S: work Chart 2; M: work Chart 2, then Chart 2A; L: work Chart 2, then Chart 2B.

Hot Stuff - Chart 2

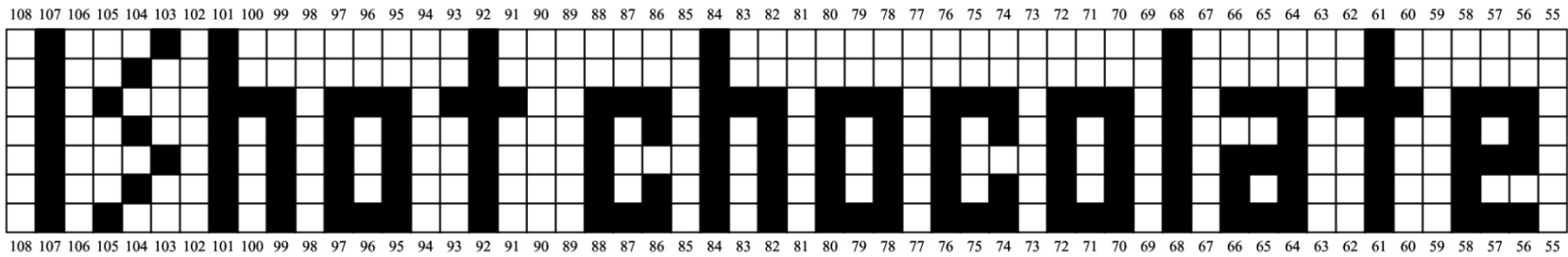


Closeups are provided for the first and second halves of Chart 2 on the following page.

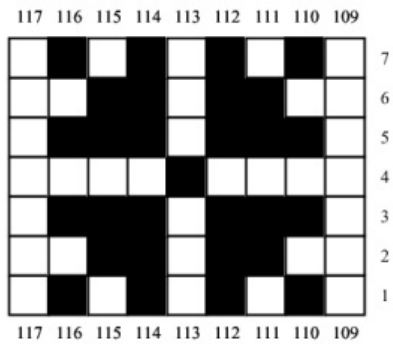
Hot Stuff - Chart 2 - Closeup of stitches 1-54 inclusive



Hot Stuff - Chart 2 - Closeup of stitches 55-108 inclusive



Hot Stuff - Chart 2A



Hot Stuff - Chart 2B

