Lazy Day Lace Hat by Mary Keenan

Designed to turn the matching Lazy Day Lace Shawl into a winter scarf, this surprisingly warm hat is a great gift: a button band allows the wearer to adjust for a perfect fit. A gap that can be tucked in or left open to allow a ponytail through, along with the flexibility to be worn as a tam or a toque, results in one design that flatters everyone from young girls to older ladies. And it takes just a few hours to make!

Materials

110 (130,150) yards Twisted Fiber Art 'Playful' (shown in Weimereiner)
1 pair 4.0 mm/US 6 straight needles
1 set 4.0 mm/US 6 double pointed needles
4 buttons, ¾" each, or 2 x ¾" and 2 x ½"
Tapestry needle

Sizing

S (17-21"), M (21-23"), L (23-25")
Pattern includes three sizes, with larger sizes in brackets. Where only one number appears, it applies to all sizes.
'Playful' is a heavy fingering yarn. If you wish to make the hat with true fingering or sock weight, go down one needle size and make your hat one size larger than you would otherwise choose.

Gauge

In lace pattern as described in Body,
21 sts and 28 rows = 4"

Abbreviations

K: knit
K2tog: k two sts together (decrease)
P: purl
RS: right side
st(s): stitch(es)
WS: wrong side
yo: yarn over

Techniques

Cast on knitwise: k next st without moving it to the right; pull away with the right needle until you can twist new loop and set it back onto the left. Repeat until you have the required number of sts.

Directions

Using straight needles and leaving a generous tail, cast on 79 (87, 95) sts.

Brim

Row 1: *K1, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.

Repeat Row 1 four times more.

Body

Cast on 11 (12, 13) sts knitwise - 90 (99, 108) sts. Arrange sts evenly on dpns, place marker, and join to work in the round.

Round 1: *yo, K2tog, K2, yo, K2tog, K3, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 twice more.

Round 7: Purl.

Repeat Rounds 1-7 three times more.

Crown

Round 1: *K 8 (9, 10), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 81 (90, 99) sts.

Round 2 and all even rows: Knit.

Round 3: *K 7 (8, 9), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 72 (81, 90) sts.

Round 5: *K 6 (7, 8), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 63 (72, 81) sts.

Round 7: *K 5 (6, 7), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 54 (63, 72) sts.

Round 9: *K 4 (5, 6), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 45 (54, 63) sts.

Round 11: *K 3 (4, 5), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 36 (45, 54) sts.

Round 13: *K 2 (3, 4), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 27 (36, 45) sts.

Round 15: *K 1 (2, 3), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 18 (27, 36) sts.

Round 17: *K 0 (1, 2), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - 9 (18, 27) sts - S ends here.

Round 19: *K – (0, 1), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd - – (9, 18) sts - M ends here.

Round 21: *K – (–, 0), K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd- – (–, 9) sts - L ends here.

Cut an 8-10" tail, thread it through a darning needle, and run it through the 9 remaining sts. Pull tight and tack inside.

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Pick up stitches along the right side of the brim opening and knit a buttonhole tab.

Stitch the buttons onto the left side of the brim.

Tuck in the gap if unneeded for a ponytail hole, or stitch it shut permanently.

Adjust the ponytail opening by fastening any number of buttons.

Buttonhole Tab

With RS facing and using cast-on tail, pick up 5 sts vertically along left end of cast-on edge. (Work the first few rows with cast-on tail as length permits, leaving a sufficient tail to run in during Finishing.)

Setup Row: with WS facing, *P1, K1; repeat from * to last st, P1.

Row 1: *P1, K1; repeat from * to last st, P1.

Repeat Row 1 five times more.

Row 6: P1, K1, yo, K2tog, P1.

Repeat Rows 1-6 three times more.

Work Row 1 twice more.

Cast off in P1, K1 sequence as set.

Finishing

Run in remaining tails and wet block.

When dry, stitch buttons onto brim at 1" intervals, working from the right end of the opening opposite the buttonhole tab.

Wearing

The ponytail hole can be worn tucked into the buttonhole tab, or left open – the size being determined by how many buttons have been fastened.

(Resizing is an easy way to accommodate different hairstyles without leaving a dent on a Big Hair day!)

You can use the hole to accommodate a single ponytail at the back, or secure the hat by slipping one of two side tails through it as shown above.

If the hat is to be worn by someone who will never require a ponytail hole, adjust the tab to the size that fits best, and stitch the opening shut on the underside of the buttonhole tab.