Luxury Lid by Mary Keenan

Wool, alpaca, and silk blends = softness, luxury, and warmth! When I wore this hat in -17 C weather my cheeks turned bright red, but my head and ears were toasty.

Materials

1 skein each of Mirasol Sulka (60% Merino Wool, 20% Alpaca, 20% Silk) in A (shade 215, wine), B (shade 202, green) and C (shade 205, denim blue)

1 set 4mm/US 6 dpns (size S) *or* 1 set 5mm/US 8 (size M) *or* 1set 6mm/US 10 (size L)

Gauge

12.5 sts and 21 rows = 4". Check gauge from a blocked swatch; use needles to achieve this gauge for M; go up one size for L, down one for S.

Notes

Sizes are determined by needle size:

S: 20-21", M: 21-23", L: 23-25"

To avoid a jog at each color transition, pick up a st in the previous color at the beginning of each new stripe, then knit it together with the first st of the current row.

Yarns containing silk stretch, which is how this hat can fit an adult with so few stitches. If substituting yarn, ensure you choose one that includes silk or go up a size.

Abbreviations

A: Color A
B: Color B
C: Color C
K: knit
K2tog: k two sts together (decrease)
P: purl
st(s): stitch(es)

Jogless Jog

To improve the join from one color change to the next, pick up a st from the previous row before the first st of each new color and knit it together with the first st.

Directions

Using A, cast on 63 stitches (sts) with straight needles and slip 7 sts onto first of four dpns, 21 sts onto the second, 21 sts onto the third, and 14 sts onto the fourth. Place marker.

Brim

Row 1: K

Row 2: P

Repeat these two rows twice more, then change to B.

Rows 7-12: In B, K to end of rnd

Rows 13-18: In C, K to end of rnd

Rows 19-24: In A, K to end of rnd

Rows 25-30: In B, K to end of rnd

Crown

Rows 1, 3, 5: In C, K to end of rnd

Row 2: In C, *K5, K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd – 54 sts

Row 4: In C, *K4, K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd – 45 sts

Row 6: In C, *K3, K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd – 36 sts

Rows 7, 9, 11: In A, K to end of rnd

Row 8: In A, *K2, K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd – 27 sts

Row 10: In A, *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd – 18 sts

Row 12: In A, K2tog to end of rnd – 9 sts

Finishing

Cut an 8-10" tail, run it through the remaining 9 sts, pull tight and tack inside. Run in all other ends and block.

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