

4 Color Child's Hat, Scarf & Mittens

Size: To fit Child size 5-7 (8-10, 11-up)

Materials: 200 yds of worsted weight (#4) yarn in each of four coordinating colors (A, B, C, D)

Needles: For hat: size US 6 & 8, For mittens: size US 5 & 7, For scarf: size US 9.

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" over st st using size US 8 needles for hat. 20 sts = 4" over st st using size 7 needles for mittens. 16 sts = 4" over st st for scarf.

Abbreviations:

K = knit,

k2tog = knit 2 sts together,

p = purl,

RS = right side,

SSK: Slip 1 st as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit. Knit these 2 sts together,

st(s) = stitch(es),

WS = wrong side.



Pattern:

Work in color pattern throughout hat, mitten and scarf: Cast on with A. *Work 4 rows A, 2 rows color B, 2 rows C, 4 rows color D, 2 rows B,. Repeat from*.

2x2 Ribbing:

Row 1: K2, *(p2, k2) repeat from * to end of row. Row 2: P2, *(k2, p2) repeat from * to end of row. Repeat rows 1 and 2 for ribbing.

Useful Technique (to avoid all the weaving in of ends). Practice it on yarn not to be used on this project before you use it on the project if you are unfamiliar with it.

The Magic Knot

Working Yarn = one coming off work

New Yarn = new yarn

Lay the two yarns side by side vertically with the working yarn to the left and the new to the right. With new yarn go under the working yarn, back over the working yarn, creating a loop and pull the new yarn through the loop to create a knot

Now with working yarn – go over new yarn, under new yarn and through the loop

Imagine (for ease of description) one blue and one white yarn

1. Take the end of the blue yarn and tie it around the white yarn about 6" from the end of the white yarn
2. Take the end of the white yarn and tie it around the blue yarn about 6" from the end of the blue yarn
3. REMEMBER: You are not tying the blue and white yarns together. You are tying one color around the other (twice)

Then pull gently to slide the knots together. Do a pull test – if you have joined properly it will not separate

Trim as closely as you like. Once you have worked a few more rows of your project, even you will have difficulty finding the join.

HAT

With smaller needles (size 6), loosely cast on 74 (82, 90) sts. Follow color pattern, working in 2X2 ribbing for 4", ending with a RS row. Change to larger needles (size 8), and begin stockinette stitch working even for 3½ (4½, 5)", ending with a WS row. Begin decreasing as follows:

Row 1: K1, *(Knit 6, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 2 and all WS rows to row 10: Purl.

Row 3: K1, *(Knit 5, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 5: K1, *(Knit 4, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 7: K1, *(Knit 3, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 9: K1, *(Knit 2, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 11: K1, *(Knit 1, k2tog); repeat from * across to last st, k1. Row 12: P1, *(p2tog); repeat from * across row to last st, p1.

Cut the yarn leaving a 12" tail, thread it through the remaining stitches, draw up tightly and secure. Sew up side seam, reversing sewing to inside at top of ribbing so it can flip up. Weave in all ends.

MITTENS

With smaller needles (size 5), loosely cast on 30(34, 34) sts. Follow color pattern, working in 2x2 ribbing for 2.5(2.5, 3)", ending with a WS row and increasing 3(1, 3) sts evenly across the last row: 33(35, 37) sts.

Change to larger needles (size 7) and begin working in st st, working even for 1", ending with a WS row. Thumb gusset:

Row 1: Knit 15(16, 17) sts, increase in next 2 sts by knitting into the front and the back of each st, knit 16(17, 18) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 15(16, 17) sts, increase in next st as before, k2, increase in next st as before, knit 16(17, 18) sts. Row 4: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 15(16, 17) sts, increase in next st as before, k4, increase in next st as before, knit 16(17, 18) sts. Row 4: Purl.

Continue increasing as established- there will be 2 more sts each time between the 2 increases.

Continue until there are 43 (47, 51) sts. Purl 1 row.

Divide for thumb:

Knit 16(17, 18) sts, knit across next 11(13, 15) sts. TURN, leaving 16(17, 18) unworked. Cast on 1 st and purl back across next 12(14, 16) sts, including the cast on st. TURN. Cast on 1 st, and knit across the next 13(15, 17) sts, including the cast on st. These 13(15, 17) sts are the thumb sts.

Work in st st on the thumb sts 5(7, 9) more rows, ending with a WS row (do not change color over

thumb sts). Shape top of thumb:

Row 1: *(K1, k2tog); repeat across, ending k1(0, 2): 9(10, 12) sts

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: *(k2tog); repeat from * across, ending k1(0, 0): 5(5, 6) sts. Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tight and anchor. Sew up thumb seam.

Body of mitten:

With larger needles and RS facing, reattach yarn at base of thumb and pick up 2 sts at base of thumb. Knit across the 16(17, 18) unworked sts of the hand. Purl back: 34(36, 38) sts.

Work in st st until the length from the base of the thumb is 1.5(2, 2.5)", ending with a WS row.

Shape top of mitten:

Row 1: K1, ssk, knit 12(13, 14) sts, k2tog, ssk, knit 12(13, 14) sts, k2tog, k1. Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 3: K1, ssk, knit 10(11, 12) sts, k2tog, ssk, knit 10(11, 12) sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 5: K1, ssk, knit 8(9, 10) sts, k2tog, ssk, knit 8(9, 10) sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 7: K1, ssk, knit 6(7, 8) sts, k2tog, ssk, knit 6(7, 8) sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 9: K1, ssk, knit 4(5, 6) sts, k2tog, ssk, knit 4(5, 6) sts, k2tog, k1. Row 10: Purl. Bind off loosely.

Sew up top by folding in half. Sew up side seam. Weave in all ends. Make second mitten the same.

SCARF

With size 9 needles, loosely cast on 26(30, 34) sts. Work in k2-p2 ribbing following color pattern until total length is about 40(45, 50)". Bind off in ribbing. Add fringe in any color. Weave in the ends. Fringe (make 10 groups):

Cut 40 pieces into 14" sections. Using 4 strands for each fringe section, fold in half and attach 5 groups evenly spaced along each end of scarf.