

Mix n'Match Knitted Hat

Materials:

~150 yards of a solid color yarn in Worsted (#4) Weight, referred to in pattern as solid color
 ~ 15 yards EACH of 8 different colors of DK, or Sport (#3) Weight Yarn, assigned a number 1 to 8 randomly, referred to in pattern as accent color 1, accent color 2, etc.
 US sizes 7 and 9 circular needles, 16"
 Set of US size 7 DPNs
 Stitch marker
 Yarn needle (for weaving in ends)

Gauge and Sizes

Gauge is 14 stitches in 4", or 3.5 stitches per inch
 Hat flat measurements: 10" wide, 9" tall, (not including possible pompom)

Abbreviations

bo: bind off
 co: cast on
 k: knit
 k2p2: knit two stitches, purl two stitches
 k2tog: knit two stitches together
 rnd(s): round(s)
 st(s): stitch(es)



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.

Pattern

Note:

When joining or changing the accent colors, don't worry if it is not at exactly the first stitch of the round.

With solid color only and US size 7 circular needles, co 72 sts using your preferred method; place stitch marker to mark beginning of rnd; join to k in the rnd making sure sts are not twisted.

Rib 8 rounds by k2p2 (knit 2, purl 2 around)

Switch to US size 9 circular needles. Join accent color 1 yarn. With 1 strand solid color and 1 strand accent color 1 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 1, join accent color 2. With solid color and accent color 2 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 2, join accent color 3. With solid color and 3 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 3, join accent color 4. With solid color and 4 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 4, join accent color 5. With solid color and 5 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 5, join accent color 6. With solid color and 6 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 6, join accent color 7. With solid color and 7 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 7, join accent color 8. With solid color and 8 held together, k 5 rnds.

Cut accent color 8 yarn. Do NOT cut solid color yarn.

With solid color yarn ONLY and US size 7 DPNs, k2tog to end of rnd (36 sts remain).

next rnd: k to end of rnd.

next rnd: k2tog to end of rnd (18 sts remain).

next rnd: k to end of rnd.

next rnd: k2tog to end of rnd (9 sts remain).

Cut solid color yarn, use tapestry needle to thread tail through remaining 9 stitches and pull tightly to close.

Weave in ends.



If you have sufficient yarn left over, you might want to make pompom for the hat.

