Simple Beanie aka Lollipop Hat

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My daughter needed some warm hats for the cold weather we have been having, and as I had just bought a whole bunch of yummy, super soft merino yarn in ten different colors, she decided she needed a hat in every color and combination possible, with green being her favorite, so hence the idea. I wanted a pattern that is easy to customize and create different looks. Therefore there are simple instructions here as well as several different options for varying the look of the hats. My daughter calls all the hats I am making using this pattern "Lollipop Hats" ... hence the name... her names usually stay over mine. Have fun creating your own combinations using the pattern as a guide.

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Notions

3.5 mm/US #4 circular needles (30 or 40 cm/12" or 16")
4 mm/US #6 circular needles (40 cm/16")
4 mm/US #6 double pointed needles or long circular for magic looping.
Stitch marker

Yarn Required

83 (100, 114, 128) meters or 90 (110, 125, 140) yards of DK wool yarn. (*Use either a single color or several).*

Suggested Yarn:

Dia Twist DK *by* **Colour Adventures**
(100% merino; 229 m/250 yds in 115 g/4.0 oz)

Cloud DK *by* **Colour Adventures**
(80% merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon; 211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.5 oz)

Option 1 is shown in *Georgin, Citrus, Lemon, Fresh Leaves, Forget Me Not, Blue Bell, and Blush colorways*

Option 2 is shown in *Chilly and Mauve colorways*

Option 3 is shown in *Georgin, Citrus, and Mauve colorways*

Sizes: XS (S, M, L)

To fit head: 41-46 (46-51, 48-54, 51-56) cm or

16-18 (18-20, 19-21, 20-22)"

Abbreviations

k2tog =knit 2 stitches together
skp = slip one stitch, knit the following stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.
st/s = stitch/es.
m1 = make one new st; using left needle from front to back - lift running strand between stitches, and then knit into the back loop of the strand.
k = knit.

Gauge: 21-22 sts per 4 inches in stockinette stitch on 4 mm/US #6 needles or size required to meet gauge**.**

Pattern Instructions

Plain Hat

Using smaller sized needles (3.5 mm/US 4) cast on 65 (75, 85, 95) sts.
Join in the round and knit 8 rounds.

Increase Rnd: *K13 (15, 17, 19), m1* repeat to the end of round. 70 (80, 90, 100) sts.

Change to bigger needles (4 mm/US #6) and knit until the hat measures 10 (11.5, 12.5, 14) cm or 4 (4.5, 5, 5.5) inches from the rolled up rim or 12.5 (14, 15, 16.5) cm or 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5) inches from the cast on edge.

Crown Shaping

Rnd 1: *skp, k6, k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. Total 56 (64, 72, 80) sts.
Rnd 2-5: knit
Rnd 6: *skp, k4, k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. 42 (48, 54, 60) sts.
Rnd 7-9: knit
Rnd 10: *skp, k2, k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. 28 (32, 36, 40) sts.
Rnd 11-12: knit
Rnd 13: *skp, k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. 14 (16, 18, 20) sts.
Rnd 14: knit
Rnd 15: *k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. 7 (8, 9, 10) sts.
Break yarn, thread through remaining stitches, and fasten off. If you want to put a pom-pom on top, then leave about 25 cm/10 inch tail to attach it. Weave in any loose ends.

Option 1 (multiple colors):

Using main color and smaller needles (3.5 mm/US #4), work as for the '**Plain Hat**' up to the **Increase Rnd.**

You should have 70 (80, 90, 100) sts.

Knit one more round in main color and change to bigger needles (4 mm/US #6).

Then knit with as many colors you want (see example color sequence given below) until the hat measures 10 (11.5, 12.5, 14) cm or 4 (4.5, 5, 5.5) inches from the rolled up rim or 12.5 (14, 15, 16.5) cm or 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5) inches from the cast on edge.

Tip: see the link at the end for a method to weave in ends as you work.

Work **Crown Shaping** as for the **Plain Hat, Page 2.**

Weave in all loose ends.

The hat pictured above used 7 colors.

The stripes are organized in the following sequence from bottom up:

8 rnds, *6 rnds, 4 rnds, 3 rnds, 3 rnds, 3 rnds*, repeat * * till the end. Each number of rnds represents a different color.

Option 2 (2 colors):

Using CC and smaller needles (3.5 mm/US #4), cast on 90 (100, 110, 120) sts.

Knit for 4 rnds.

Next round: *knit 7 (8, 9, 10), k2tog* repeat to the end of the round. 80 (90, 100, 110) sts.

Knit 2 rnds.

Next round: *knit 6 (7, 8, 9), k2tog* repeat to the end of the round.

You should have 70 (80, 90, 100) stitches.

Knit 2 rounds.

Next Rnd: Change to MC and knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

The sts were decreased by 1 to give an odd number of stitches for the smooth flow of the seed stitch pattern.

You should have 69 (79, 89, 99 sts).

Rnd 1: *k1, p1* repeat to the last st, k1.

Rnd 2: *p1, k1* repeat to the last st, p1.

Repeat Rnd 1 & 2, for 3 times more for a total of 8 rounds.

Change to CC and bigger needles (4mm/US#6) k1, m1, knit to the end of rnd.

You should have 70, (80, 90, 100) sts.

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 for two more times, then repeat Rnd 1 only.

Change to MC and knit until the hat measures 10 (11.5, 12.5, 14) cm or 4 (4.5, 5, 5.5) inches from the rolled up rim or 12.5 (14, 15, 16.5) cm or 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5) inches from the cast on edge.

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Once done attach some kind of a decorative button to the garter stitch.

Option 3 (3 colors):

Using main color and smaller needles (3.5 mm/US #4), work as for the '**Plain Hat**' up to the **Increase Rnd.**

You should have 70 (80, 90, 100) sts.

Knit one more round in main color.

Change to bigger needles (4 mm/US #6).

With color A knit 5 rnds.

Using main color knit for 8 rnds.

With color B knit 5 rnds.

Using main color knit 8 rnds.

And so on until the hat measures 10 (11.5, 12.5, 14) cm or 4 (4.5, 5, 5.5) inches from the rolled up rim or 12.5 (14, 15, 16.5) cm or 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5) inches from the cast on edge.

Work **Crown Shaping** as in the **Plain Hat, page 2**.

Weave in all loose ends.

Add a pom-pom on top for a cute finishing touch.

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