Penguin & Snowflake Hat

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This hat is dedicated to penguin lovers everywhere! Knit in our favorite flightless friends in a warm and comfy hat.

Finished size: Adult, 20–21" (51–53cm) circumference

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn: suggested: Cascade 220 (220 yds/100g) or Patons Classic wool worsted (210yds/100g).

MC: Light blue, 1 ball, CC: White, 1 ball

Needles: US6 and US8: 16" circular and DPN. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Markers (m), tapestry needle

Gauge: 22 sts and 24 rows per 4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm) in pattern.

Pattern:

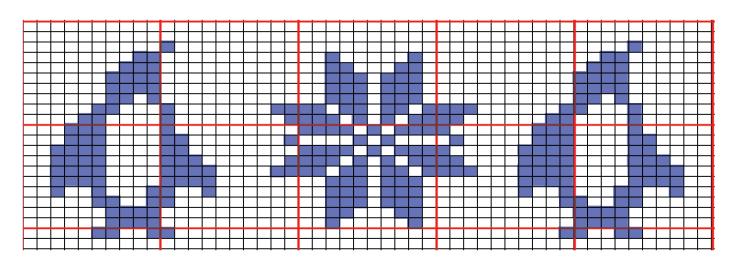
BRIM:

With MC (light blue) and smaller needles, Loosely cast on 100 sts. Place marker and being mindful of the twist, begin working in the round in k2p2 rib. Work even for 12 rows.

OPTIONAL BRIM (SHOWN IN PHOTO): For a turned brim for extra warmth, change to CC and work 12 more rows in k2p2 rib.

BODY:

With larger needle, work 1 row CC and 3 rows MC in stockinette stitch. Begin Penguin and Snowflake chart. The chart is 50 sts wide and the hat is 100 sts. Work the chart twice so you end up with 4 penguins and 2 snowflakes. Weave in yarn in knitting for areas with longer than 5 stitches of floats. Complete all rows of pattern up to row 22.



Penguin and Snowflake chart

CROWN DECREASE:

Setup row: with MC, *k23, k2tog* repeat 4 times. 96 sts.

R1: *k14, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 90 sts.

R2: Knit.

R3: *k13, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 84 sts.

R4: Knit.

R5: *k12, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 78 sts.

R6: Knit.

R7: *k11, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 72 sts.

R8: Knit.

R9: *k10, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 66 sts.

R10: Knit.

R11: *k9, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 60 sts.

R12: Knit.

R13: *k8, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 54 sts.

R14: Knit.

R15: *k7, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 48 sts.

R16: *k6, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 42 sts.

R17: *k5, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 36 sts.

R18: *k4, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 30 sts.

R19: *k3, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 24 sts.

R20: *k2, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 18 sts.

R21: *k1, k2tog* repeat 6 times. 12 sts.

R22: *k2tog* repeat 6 times. 6 sts.

Break yarn, using the tapestry needle, thread the remaining 6 sts and weave in the ends.

Block by soaking in warm water for about 15 minutes. Dry flat. Enjoy!