brightest day



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Splash a bit of colour into the season! This small scalloped beanie is easy to knit with only a few rounds of stranded colorwork.



materials

Yarn: 2 skeins of Tosh Merino Light by Madelinetosh (420 yds [384 m] per skein), 1 skein in each color. Approx. 200 (250, 300) yards [180 (230, 280) meters] of fingering weight yarn (both colors included). Sample was knit in the colorways Smokestack (MC, grey) and Edison Bulb (CC, yellow) in women's size.

Needles: US $1\frac{1}{2}$ [2.5 mm] and US $2\frac{1}{2}$ [3 mm] circular needle, 16" [40 cm] long, and dpns. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Other: tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders/waste yarn and blocking aids.

sizing

Beanie - kids (women, men)

Finished brim circumference: 16 (18, $19\frac{3}{4}$)" [40 (45, 50) cm].

gauge

24 sts and 36 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch using larger needles.



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Brim

Using smaller circular needle and MC, CO 96 (104, 120) sts. Carefully join in round, not twisting your stitches. Pm for beginning of round and work in 1X1 ribbing until the brim measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ (2, 2)" [3 (5, 5) cm].

Body

Change to larger circular needle and increase on first round as follows: k 12 (13, 15), M1; repeat from * 7 (7, 7) more times [104 (112, 128) sts on needle]. Continue in Stockinette stitch until the beanie measures $2\frac{1}{4}$ ($2\frac{1}{2}$, 3)" [6 (7, 8) cm] from cast-on edge.

Change to CC and work 3 rounds in St st. Work through chart A (repeating the colorwork pattern 13 (14, 16) times across each round) - Note: To avoid long strands of yarn on the inside of the beanie in the colorwork section, catch the un-worked yarn after every 3-4 sts by twisting with the working yarn. Change to MC and work 10 rounds in St st. Change to CC and work 3 rounds in St st. Work through chart A (repeating the

colorwork pattern 13 (14, 16) times across each round). Change to MC and continue until the beanie measures 7(8, 9)" [18 (20, 23) cm]

Begin decreases - Note: Change to dpns when necessary.

Setup round: *k 13, 14, 16, pm; repeat from * 7 times more.

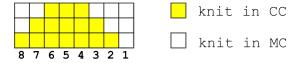
Decrease round: *k until 2 sts before m remain, k2tog; repeat from
* 7 times more.

Repeat the decrease row on every row until 8 sts remain. Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches twice. Fasten off securely.

finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Block the beanie using your preferred method.

chart A



Note: read the chart from right to left on each round.

glossary

abbreviations

co: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

MC: main color

CC: contrasting color

k: knit

p: purl

pm: place marker

sm: slip marker

St st: Stockinette stitch; knit on RS, purl on WS

1X1 ribing: In the round - *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

k2tog: knit 2 sts together; decrease