

Sophia's Crown Hat

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Materials:

Lamb's Pride Bulky Weight, 1 skein
Mohair blend, bulky, about 125 yards
gauge: 14 stitches and 16 rows= 4 inches
needles: one pair each size 8 and 9 US single point needles,
or size to obtain gauge. A circular needle [16"] may be
used for working in the round, if preferred [and notes
on this option are provided in square brackets].
yarn needle
thinner, matching yarn for seaming and shaping

Size:

This pattern makes a children's large or adult's small hat, about 22" diameter. Change sizes by working on smaller or larger needles. The sewing at the end is an essential part of the design—it helps define the shape and fit.

Stitches:

Garter Stitch: knit all rows [alternate knit and purl rounds]

Seed Stitch: row/round 1: k1, p1, repeat from *
across/around

all following rows/rounds: knit the purl stitches and purl the knit stitches

Stockinette Stitch: odd rows: knit
even rows: purl
[knit all rounds]

***MK**=make knot: [k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1] all in next stitch, then with point of left-hand needle, pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th stitch over the first stitch. Beginners may wish to substitute a simple knit stitch for the knot—row 8 would then simply read "k7."

First, make the rim:

Begin with the points (make 8).

For each point:

Using the Lamb's Pride, and the smaller needles cast on 1 stitch.

row 1: inc in stitch

row 2: inc in first stitch, k1

row 3: k3

row 4: inc in first st, k1, inc in last st

row 5: k5

row 6: inc in first st, k3, inc in last st

row 7: k7

row 8: k3, MK*, k3

row 9: k7

row 10: inc in first st, k5, inc in last st

row 11: k9

Break yarn, leave point on needle.

Join the points by knitting straight across [or around, if knitting in the round]. You should have 72 stitches.

Work in garter stitch for 3 rows, then in seed stitch until band measures 3–4" or desired length, **ending on a right side row**. Break yarn.

Next, make the hat:

Join the mohair blend or other bulky weight contrasting yarn and, using the larger needles, knit one row.

[Reverse direction on the circular needle.]

Continue in Stockinette st for 7–9" inches. The longer you work, the more ear coverage you'll get.

Continuing in stockinette stitch, decrease as follows:

row 1: k2 tog; rep. all the way around (36 stitches)

row 2: purl [or knit]

row 3: k2 tog; rep. all the way around (18 stitches)

row 4: purl [or knit]

row 5: k2 tog; rep. all the way around (9 stitches)

Break yarn and thread through remaining 9 stitches, pull to tighten.

Sew seam.

Finishing:

Fold the hat inside the rim and sew together along base, using yarn needle and the smaller yarn.

Also, sew the hat to the rim along the base of the points. Be careful not to sew too tightly.

Weave in all ends. (Note that many ends can be hidden inside the rim.)