Aphra

Lines of purl bumps provide interest in these simple patterns for a hat and cowl.

Hat

Cast on 80 stitches (I used a long tail cast on)

Round 1: knit round

Rd 2: purl round

Rd 3-4: k

Rd 5: p

Rd 6-8: k

Rd 9: p

Rd 10-3: k

Rd 14: p

Rd 15-9: k

Rd 20: p

Rd 21-6: k

Rd 27: p

Rd 28-33: k

Rd 34: *k8, k2tog* 10

times

Rd 35: p

Rd 36: *k7, k2tog* 10

times

Rd 37: k

Rd 38: *k6, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 39: k

Rd 40: *k5, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 41: k

Rd 42: *k4, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 43: k

Rd 44: p

Rd 45: *k3, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 46: k

Rd 47: *k2, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 48: k

Rd 49: *k1, k2tog* 10 times

Rd 50: k

Rd 51: k2tog 10 times

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and bind off. Weave in ends.

Necessary Skills

Cast on (CO)

Knit (k)

Purl (p)

Working in the round Knit 2 together (k2tog)

Notions

-105yds of Malabrigo Merino Worsted (1/2 skein) in Simply Taupe (worsted weight, 8wpi)

-5mm circular needles

-Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

-1 stitch marker

Gauge

4 in = 15 stitches and 27 rows in round





Pattern Notes

The number of rounds of knit increases after each purl round—so 2 rounds of knit after the first purl round (Rd 3-4), 3 rounds after the second purl round (Rd 6-8) etc.

A ribbed brim of 8 rounds (k1, p1) can be added before the purl rows if a closer fit is required—if so, start decreases on Rd 28.

Striped Hat

Cast on 80 stitches (I used a long tail cast on) in MC

Round 1: knit round in MC

Rd 2: purl round in MC Rd 3-4: k round twice in MC

Rd 5: p round in MC Rd 6-7: k round in MC

Rd 8: k round in CC

Rd 9: p round in MC Rd 10-2: k round 3

Rd 13: k round in CC

Rd 14: p round in CC Rd 15-8: k round 4

times in MC

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Rd 19: k round in CC

Rd 20: p round in CC

Rd 21: k round in CC

Rd 22-5: k round 4 times in MC

Rd 26: k round in CC

Rd 27: p round in CC

Rd 28-33: k round 6 times in CC

Rd 34: *k8, k2tog* 10 times in MC

Rd 35: p round in MC

Rd 36: *k7, k2tog* 10 times in MC

Rd 37: k round in CC

Rd 38: *k6, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 39: k round in CC

Rd 40: *k5, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 41: k round in CC

Rd 42: *k4, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 43: k round in MC

Rd 44: p round in MC

Rd 45: *k3, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 46: k round in CC

Rd 47: *k2, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 48: k round in CC

Rd 49: *k1, k2tog* 10 times in CC

Rd 50: k round in CC

Rd 51: k2tog 10 times in CC

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and bind off. Weave in ends.

Pattern Notes

This pattern is the same as for the Aphra Hat, with additional instructions for the position of the colour changes

Yarn used

Main colour (MC): 60 yds (1/4 skein) of Malabrigo Merino Worsted in Simply Taupe (Worsted, 8wpi) Contrasting Colour (CC): 60 yds (1/2 skein) of Madelinetosh Eyre in Fathom (Worsted, 9wpi)







Cowl

Necessary Skills

Cast on (CO) Knit (k)

Purl (p)

Stockinette stitch (st st-k on right side, p on wrong side)

Notions

-60 yds of Malabrigo Merino Worsted (1/4 skein) in Simply Taupe (worsted weight, 8wpi)

-5mm needles

-Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

4 in = 16 stitches and 23 rows

CO 20 sts

Row 1-2: k

3-4: stockinette stitch starting with k

5: p

6-8: st st, start p

9: p

10-3: st st, start p

14: k

15-19: st st, start k

20: k

21-6: st st, start k

27: p

28-34: st st, start p

35: p

36-43: st st, start p

44: k

45-52: st st, start k

53: p

54-60: st st, start p

61: p

62-7: st st, start p

68: k

69-73: st st, start k

74: k

75-78: st st, start k

79: p

80-2: st st, start p

83: p

84-5: st st, start p

86-7: k

Bind off. Sew two ends together to form tube.

Weave in ends.







Pattern Notes

Finished piece should measure 16in round/long and 4.5in wide

'St St, start p' means work in stockinette stitch starting with a purl row. So Rows 10-13 is 4 rows of stockinette (p, k, p, k)

Rows 36-43 and 45-52 have the longest distance between purl bumps, with 8 rows of stockinette