



skill level: medium

Rosie Knits

LADDER HAT

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A VERSATILE HAT THAT KNITS UP QUICKLY AND SHOWS OFF THE CHANGING COLORS OF HAND-PAINTED YARN. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT GIFT FOR JUST ABOUT ANYONE.

MATERIALS:

1 -16" circular needle, size US # 5 (3.75mm), or needle size to obtain gauge.

It is imperative you take time to check gauge.

1 set dpns, same size as above

ring marker

tapestry needle

YARN:

1 Skein Claudia Handpainted Yarns Sport, 100% superwash merino (100g/225 yds per skein).

SIZE:

Adult Medium

Finished circ. approx. 21.5"

GAUGE:

5 sts = 1" over Ladder Stitch

LADDER STITCH (mult of 9 plus 1):

Rnd 1: k2tog, *K3, yo 2x, k3, k3tog; rep from * around until 8 sts rem, K3, yo 2x, k3, sl1, k1, pssso.

Rnd 2: k1, *k4, p1, k4; rep from * around.

PATTERN:

Using circular needle, CO 108 sts.

Join for knitting in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker to indicate beg of rnd.

RIBBING:

Row 1: (K2, p2) around.

Rep this row until hat measures 4 inches.

Next row: m1, k around. (109 sts).

HAT BODY:

Switch to Ladder Stitch pattern and work until hat measures 9 inches from cast-on edge, ending with Row 2 of pattern.

Shape Crown:

Row 1: k2tog, *k6, k3tog; rep from * until 8 sts rem, k6, sl1, k1, pssso.

Rows 2 & 3: k all sts.

Row 4: k2tog, *k4, k3tog; rep from * until 6 sts rem, k4, sl1, k1, pssso.

Rows 5 & 6: k all sts.

Row 7: k2tog, *k2, k3tog; rep from * until 4 sts rem, k2, sl1, k1, pssso.

Rows 8 & 9: k all sts.

Row 10: k2tog, *k3tog; rep from * until 2 sts rem, sl1, k1, pssso.

Row 11: k all sts.

Row 12: k1, k2tog around.

Break yarn, leaving 12" tail. Thread through remaining sts and weave in ends.

