

A Stocking Cap for Mr. Bennet

SIZE

Adult Medium (finished circumference 20")

MATERIALS

- Nashua Handknits Julia (50% wool, 25% alpaca, 25% mohair; 50g, approx. 90 yds), 1 ball each colors A, B, C, D, and E. Shown in 1054 Sunflower (A), 1890 Peony (B), 6086 Velvet Moss (C), 178 Harvest Spice (D), and 3961 Ladies Mantle (E).

- 16" circular, US 7/4.5mm needles or size to obtain gauge

- US 7/4.5mm double pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge

- Small amount of waste yarn

- Marker

GAUGE

20 sts = 4" over St st

CORRUGATED RIB (MULTIPLE OF 4 STS)

All rnds: *With A, k2; with B, p2; rep from * to end of round

GARTER RIDGE

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Purl.

Rnds 1 and 2 make one ridge



by Lisa R. Myers

In the introduction to her wonderful book, 45 Fine and Fanciful Hats, Anna Zilboorg says that "Wearing cheerful, multicolored hats is a public service, easy to perform, and of incalculable value." I think the value may be of the sort described by Mr. Bennet in Ch. 57 of *Pride and Prejudice*, where he asks, "For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbours, and laugh at them in our turn?" In that spirit, I offer this hat pattern, as a wonderful opportunity to play with color and hone one's stranded-knitting skills – and as a bonus, the product will keep the head warm and entertain the neighbors.

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HAT

Using waste yarn, provisionally CO 100 sts.

Join, being careful not to twist, and K 1 rnd with color A.

Change to colors B and C and work Corrugated Rib for 1".

Change to A and work 1 Garter Ridge, then work 1 Garter Ridge with D.

Using A and E, work 13 rnds of Chart 1.

Work Garter Ridge in E.

Work Garter Ridge in C, inc 2 sts randomly spaced on Rnd 1.

Change to B and D and work 7 rnds of Chart 2.

Work Garter Ridge in E.

Work Garter Ridge in D, dec 2 sts randomly spaced on Rnd 1.

Change to C and A and work 10 rnds of Chart 3.

Work Garter Ridge in B.

Using D, work dec rnd: (k8, k2tog) around. P 1 rnd.

Change to B and E and work 5 rnds of Chart 4.

Work Garter Ridge in A.

Using E, dec: (k7, k2tog) around. P 1 rnd.

Note: Change to dpn when necessary.

Using D and C, work 9 rnds of Chart 5.

Work Garter Ridge in B.

Using E, dec: (k6, k2tog) around. P 1 rnd.

Using A and B, work 9 rnds of Chart 6.

Using C, dec: (k5, k2tog) around.

P 1 rnd, then work Garter Ridge in D.

Using C and E, work 6 rnds of Chart 7.

With A, dec: (k4, k2tog) around.

P 1 rnd, then work Garter Ridge in B.

Using D and A, work 8 rnds of Chart 8.

Using E, dec: (k3, k2tog) around.

P 1 rnd, then work Garter Ridge in D.

Using B and C, work rnds 1 – 6 of Chart 9.

With B, dec: (k1, k2tog, k1) around.

Work Garter Ridge in A, then in E.

With D, dec: (k1, k2tog) around. Using D and E, work 4 rnds of Chart 10. With D, dec: k2tog around.

With A, k 1 rnd, then p 1 rnd. Cut yarn, leaving 9" tail; thread through rem sts and fasten off.



FINISHING

Open provisional CO and return sts to circ ndl. Using A and dpn, CO 3 sts. Work I-cord BO as follows: *Slide sts to other end of dpn, pulling yarn across back of work. K2, then ssk last st with next "live" st from body of hat. Rep from * to end of rnd. BO. Sew ends of I-cord together.

Weave in ends. Make 3" pompom of yarn remnants and attach to top of hat.

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CHARTS

Chart 1

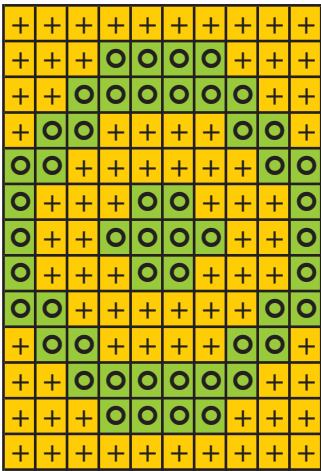


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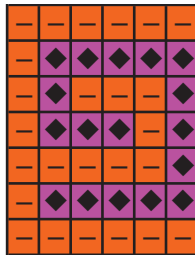


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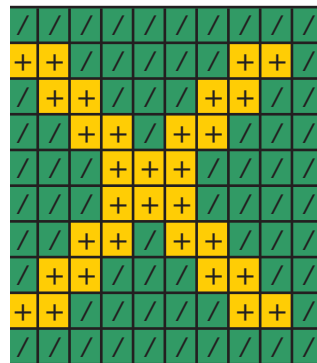


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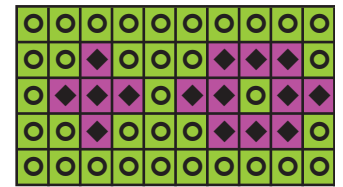


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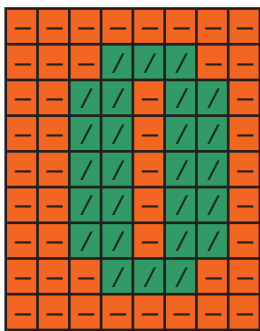


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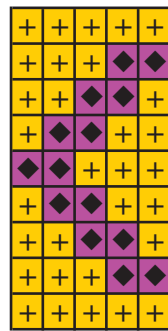


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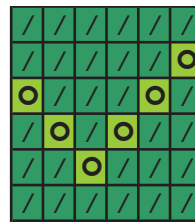


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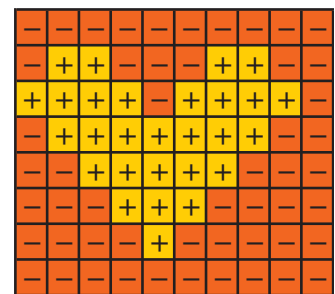


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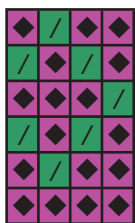


Chart 10

