

Faith's and Brooke's Striped Hat

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Faith and Brooke are two delightful girls who hang out at my LYS. They do knit, but they really love to socialize and see what everyone else is knitting. They helped me pick out the yarn for this project, and they were willing models when it came time to try it on. I have included an adult size version, as well as one for young ladies (or gentlemen). Thanks for your help, girls!

Materials:

Yarn: 1 200 g skein each of 2 contrasting super bulky yarns. I used Bravo Big #149 Eggplant and Bravo Big Color #93 Pomegrante Print. Two skeins will make a hat/scarf combo or two hats

Needles: US Size 15 (10.00 mm), 16" circular needles and double points

1 stitch marker, tapestry needle

Gauge: 9 sts x 11 rows = 4"x4" in slip stitch pattern

Finished Measurements: Girl's: 17" circumference, Women's: 19" circumference

Abbreviations:

MC: Main color M1: Make 1

CC: Contrasting color SI: Slip stitch as if to purl K: Knit K2toq: Knit 2 together

P: Purl

Instructions:

*Note: Women's instructions are in ().

Cast on 36 (40) sts. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist.

Knit 4 rounds of 1x1 rib (k1, p1).

*K9 (10), m1; repeat from * three more times. 40 (44) sts

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Slip Stitch Pattern:

Round 1: With CC, *k2, sl 2; repeat to end. Round 2: With MC, *sl 2, k2; repeat to end.

Continue in slip stitch pattern until hat measures 6.5" (7.5") from cast on edge, ending on Round 2.

<u>Start decreases:</u> (<u>Note</u>: When the hat gets too tight on your circular needle, switch to double point needles.)

Round 1: With CC, (k2tog, sl 2), *k2tog, sl2, k2, sl 2; repeat to end. 35 (38) sts Round 2: With MC, (sl 1, k2), *sl 1, k2tog, sl 2, k2; repeat to end. 30 (33) sts Round 3: With CC, (k1, sl 2), *k1, sl 1, k2tog, sl 2; repeat to end. 25 (28) sts Round 4: With MC, (sl 1, k2tog), *sl 1, k1, sl 1, k2tog; repeat to end. 20 (22) sts

Round 5: With CC, (k2tog), *k2tog, k1, sl 1; repeat to end. 15 (16) sts

Round 6: With MC, (sl 1), *sl 1, k2tog; repeat to end. 10 (11) sts

Round 7: With CC, (k1), *k2tog; repeat to end. 5 (6) sts

Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Using a tapestry needle, draw yarn through remaining stitches twice. Pull tight to cinch up the top. Weave in ends to finish.

Chunky Yarn Variation

This hat was done with Marble Chunky and Pacific Chunky on size 10 needles.

With MC, cast on 60 (68) sts.

Knit 1.5" in 1x1 rib.

*Knit 14 (16), kfb; repeat from * 3 more times. 64 (72) sts.

Knit in slip stitch pattern for 6.5" (7.5"), ending on Round 2.

Start decreases:

- Round 1: With CC, *k2tog, sl 2, (k2, sl 2) 2 times; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 59 (66) sts
- Round 2: With MC, *sl 1, k2tog, (sl 2, k2) 2 times; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 54 (60) sts
- Round 3: With CC, *k1, sl 1, k2tog, sl 2, k2, sl 2; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 49 (54) sts

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- Round 4: With MC, *sl 1, k1, sl 1, k2tog, sl 2, k2; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 44 (54) sts
- Round 5: With CC, *(k1, sl 1) 2 times, k2tog, sl2; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 40 (42) sts. Break CC yarn, leaving a 6" tail.
- Round 6: With MC, *(sl 1, k1) 2 times, sl 1`, k2tog; repeat from * 4 (5) more times. 36 (36) sts.
- Round 7: *K2tog, k4; repeat from * 4 more times. 25 sts.
- Round 8: *K2tog, k3; repeat from * 4 more times. 20 sts.
- Round 9: *K2tog, k2; repeat from * 4 more times. 15 sts.
- Round 10: *K2tog, k1; repeat from * 4 more times. 10 sts.
- Round 11: K2tog 5 times. 5 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Using a tapestry needle, draw yarn through remaining stitches twice. Pull tight to cinch up the top. Weave in ends to finish.