



December Stripes Hat



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I designed this simple hat expressly to use up scraps of worsted weight yarns lingering in my stash. Even the largest size hat requires very few yards of each color, making it a perfect stashbusting project.

In addition, December Stripes offers a quick way to try out techniques such as the Latvian braid and knitting with more than one color.

Difficulty

Intermediate

Skills

Knitting in the round, knitting with two colors, reading a color chart, decreasing.

Sizes

To fit head sizes: 16/17 (18/19, 20/21, 22/23, 24/25)"

Finished measurements

16 (18, 20, 22, 24)"

Gauge

24 stitches = 4" in stranded stitch pattern on US 6 (4 mm) needles

Yarn

Less than 100 yards of four colors of worsted weight scraps.

Model shown in 18" size with a mix of Cascade 220 and Knit Picks Wool of the Andes.

Needles

US 6 (4 mm) circular needle, 16" long
1 set of US 6 (4 mm) DPNs

Notions

Stitch markers
Tapestry needle

Abbreviations

CO: Cast on

DPNs: double-pointed needles

K: Knit

K2TOG: Knit 2 together

P: Purl

PM: Place stitch marker

SSK: Slip 2 stitches one at a time knitwise, return slipped stitches to the left needle, k2tog through the back loop

Techniques

Braid #1

Round 1: *P 1 with white, p 1 with dark blue; repeat from *, each time bringing new yarn **over** yarn just used.

Round 2: *P 1 with white, p 1 with dark blue; repeat from *, each time bringing new yarn **under** yarn just used.

Braid #2:

Round 1: * P 1 with white, p 1 with light blue; repeat from *, each time bringing new yarn **over** yarn just used.

Round 2: * P 1 with white, p 1 with light blue; repeat from *, each time bringing new yarn **under** yarn just used.

Hat

With US 6 (4 mm) circular needles and dark blue yarn, CO 96 (108, 120, 132, 144) stitches, pm, join in round.

Set-up round: *K 1 with white, k 1 with dark blue; repeat from * to the end of the round.

Work Braid #1 followed by Braid #2.

Begin color chart. Work even in charted pattern until hat measures 4.5 (5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8)" from the beginning or desired length.

18" and 22" sizes only:

Decrease 4 stitches evenly over the next round. 104 (128) stitches.

All sizes:

Divide stitches evenly onto four needles. There will be 24 (26, 30, 32, 36) stitches on each needle.

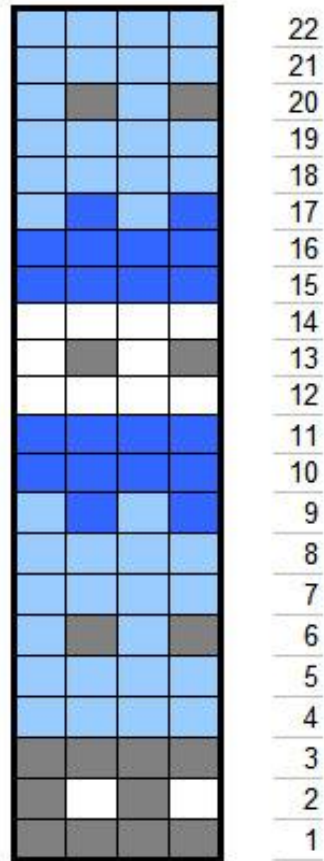
Set-up round: *K12 (13, 15, 16, 19), pm, K12 (13, 15, 16, 19); repeat from * three times more.





Decrease round: *SSK, work to the marker, slip marker, ssk, work to the end of the needle; repeat from * three times more.

Repeat decrease round every round until 8 stitches remain. Break yarn. Thread a tapestry needle with the yarn tail and draw it through the remaining stitches. Weave in ends.

December Stripes Chart

Round



KEY	
	Gray
	Light blue
	Dark blue
	White