

Xs and Os Hat

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Materials

About 200 yds of worsted weight scraps. I used a mix of Bemidji Woolen Mills Original Homespun and Knit Picks Wool of the Andes for the 22" version.

size US 6 [4.0 mm] 16" circular needle and corresponding DPNs

Scrap yarn

Tapestry needle

Measurements

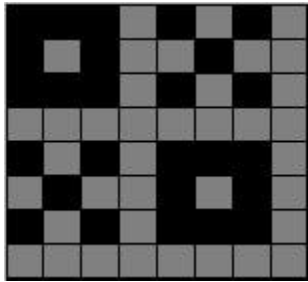
17"(18.5", 20", 21.5", 23")

Gauge

6 sts = 4" [10cm] in stranded pattern

NOTE

Be sure to swatch for the color work gauge! Stranded knitting can magnify differences in tension between one knitter to the next. If you want your hat to fit, be sure to make the appropriate gauge!!!



Using gray, cast on 91 (99, 106, 113, 120) stitches and join in round.

Lining:

Knit 2.5" in stockinette stitch.

Purl one row to make the turning edge. The lining will fold on this purl row and tuck neatly into the hat for extra warmth around the ears.

Next row: knit, increasing 13 (13, 14, 15, 16) stitches evenly. 104 (112, 120, 128, 136) stitches.

Hat body:

Beginning at bottom right of the chart, work 4.5"(5.5", 6.5", 7.5", 8") or desired length in charted pattern.



Crown shaping:

Divide stitches evenly onto four needles, leaving 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) stitches on each needle.

Please note that all SSKs and K2togs are done in gray.

Decrease round: *SSK, pattern to the last two stitches of the needle, k2tog; repeat from * 3 times more.

Work decrease row every row until 8 stitches remain. Thread a tapestry needle with the working yarn and draw it through the remaining stitches. Weave in ends.

Thread a tapestry needle with waste yarn and carefully tack the lining into the inside of the hat. For help in keeping the sewing even, identify the precise row of the stranded pattern with which the cast on edge of the lining lines up once it is folded in. Use this row as a guide as you sew the lining to the inside of the hat.