

Brand New Corrugated Pillbox Hat

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Size: Fits a 22" head

Materials:

Yarn: Noro Kureyon – 2 skeins - one each of two different colors (hereafter “A” and “B”), or equivalent if you have leftovers of various skeins of Kureyon

Needles: 16” or 20” circular needles and double pointed needles (DPNs) in size 8 US (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Notions: Stitch markers, seaming needle.

Gauge: 22 sts = 4” in corrugated stockinette stitch. (Note: corrugated stockinette results in a denser gauge than ordinary stockinette stitch.)

Key to terms:

K2tog = knit two stitches together as one

PSSO = Pass slipped stitch over the stitch(es) just worked.

Rnd = Round (row)

St St = Stockinette stitch

Notes:

As you do the corrugated colorwork pattern, you will be alternating between two different skeins of Kureyon. Kureyon changes color within the skeins, often in unpredictable ways. If you find that the colors of the two skeins are starting to merge (i.e., Color A and Color B are so similar that the colorwork pattern starts to look muddy or indistinct) rip back to where the two colors are distinct. Then, look at the other end of each skein and choose an end that has a color that is distinct from one of the colors just worked. Cut the yarn you will no longer be using (leaving at least a 4 inch tail) and start using the new color as a replacement.*¹

Techniques:

Corrugated Rib Stitch: [K2A, P2B], repeat to end of rnd.

Corrugated Stockinette Stitch: [K2A, K2B], repeat to end of rnd.

¹ For example, if Color A and Color B were pink and green, respectively, but then Color A transitioned from pink to green (meaning both A and B are now green), rip back to a point before Color A became green. Then, go to the other end of the skein (the outside end if you were pulling the pink yarn from the center of the skein) and see if that end is a color other than green. If so, and if the color is sufficiently different from the green shade of Color B – e.g. purple, cut the “old” Color A (green) yarn, and start using the “new” Color A (purple) yarn. If you can’t find a distinct color from the other end of a skein, you may need to pull one of the colors you are using until you reach a new color. It’s OK – you can use the pulled yarn in a different part of the hat!

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Braided Twist:

Rnd 1: [K1A, K1B], repeat [] to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: [P1A, drop A *yarn* (not st), P1B, drop B *yarn* (not st)], repeat [] to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: [P1A, bring A yarn over top of needle, P1B, bring B yarn over top of needle], repeat to end of rnd.

Directions:

Using long tail cast on method with **BOTH A & B held together**, cast on 60 sts.

Join stitches, being careful not to twist them, and place a marker.

READ TO END: Work one rnd in corrugated st st **by knitting each strand** (because you used both skeins when casting on, each “stitch” will be made of two separate strands). Alternate colors every two stitches (i.e., K2A, K2B...). (# of Sts = 120)

Work in corrugated st st for 3 more rnds. (=4 rnds total of corrugated st st)

Change to corrugated rib st. Work 5 rnds total.

Change to corrugated st st. Work until side of hat measures 5 1/8”.

Top Edge of Hat:

Work braided twist – see Techniques (3 rnds total).

Top of Hat:

Rnd 1: Work one rnd in corrugated st st to restore the colorwork pattern you did on the side of the hat. (120 sts)

Begin decreases:

Rnd 2: [(K2A, K2B) for 10 sts, k2togB]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (110 sts)

Rnd 3: Work sts as they appear.

Rnd 4: [K2A, K2B, K2togA, K2B, K2A, K1B]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (100 sts)

Rnd 5: Work sts as they appear

Rnd 6: [K2A, K2B, K1A, K2togB, K2A, K1B]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (90 sts)

Rnd 7: Work sts as they appear

Rnd 8: [K2togA, K2B, K1A, K1B, K2A, K1B]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (80 sts)

Rnd 9: Work sts as they appear

Rnd 10: [K1A, K2togB, K1A, K1B, K2A, K1B]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (70 sts)

Rnd 11: Work sts as they appear

Rnd 12: [K1A, K1B, K1A, K1B, K2togA, K1B]. Repeat [] to end of rnd. (=60 sts total, 1 st for each color)

Rnd 13: Work sts as they appear

Rnd 14: [Work 5 sts as they appear, slip one, k2tog in same color as slipped st, pssso]. Repeat [] to last 4 sts. Work last 4 sts as they appear. (46 sts)

Rnd 15: Work 1 st as it appears, [slip one, k2tog in same color as slipped st, pssso, work 3 sts as they appear]. Repeat [] to end of rnd (Note: you won't be working “last 3 sts as they appear” in final repeat). (30 sts)

Rnd 16: Work 2 sts as they appear, [slip one, k2tog in same color as slipped st, pssso, k1] Repeat [] to end of rnd. (16 sts)

Rnd 17: [Work 1 st as it appears, slip one, k2tog in same color as slipped st, pssso] Repeat [] to end of rnd. (8 sts)

Pull tail through remaining sts and secure. Weave in ends.

To make brim sturdier, seam the inside of the braided trim.