

Stormy Waters *

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Stormy, moody, ever changing direction ...like stormy waters...

This hat will keep you engaged from start to finish, knitting up into its own story.

This design is perfect for semi-solid and variegated colorways, for that special one skein. The style is unisex, thus making the design perfect for everyone in your family.

Where will Stormy Waters take you?



Abbreviations

pm = place marker;

slipm = move marker from the left needle to the right needle;

st(s) = stitch(es);

rnd(s) = round(s);

k = knit; **p** = purl;

kfb = knit into the front of the stitch, then knit into the back of the same stitch; 1 st increased;

ktbl = knit through the back loop of the stitch;

skp = slip one st as if to knit, knit next st, pass the slipped st over the knitted one, 1 st decreased;

k2tog = knit two stitches together as one, 1 st decreased;

p2tog = purl two stitches together as one, 1 st decreased.

Gauge

19 sts and 24 rows in stockinette per 10x10 cm/4x4 inches on US #7/4.5 mm needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Notions

US #5/3.5 mm and US #7/4.5 mm circular needles (16" /40 cm and dpns) or size needed to obtain gauge;

1 stitch marker in color A and 5 in color B;

3mm crochet hook or darning needle.

Suggested Yarns

Dia Worsted by Colour Adventures

(100% merino; 199 m /218 yds in 3.5 oz./100g)

Rios by Malabrigo (100% merino; 218 yds/199 m in 3.5 oz. /100g).

Shown in Candombe colorway.

Yardage and Sizes Info

You will need 1 skein of worsted yarn that has ~ 150 yds/137 m.

Hat will fit head with circumference of 21-23"/53.5-58.5 cm.

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Pattern Instructions

~Brim~

Using smaller sized needles (US #5/3.5 mm) and using long-tail cast on, cast on 96 sts.

Place marker A and join for knitting in the round; be careful not to twist the sts.

Rnd 1: *ktbl, p1*, repeat * till the end of the rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 till your brim measures 1.5"/4 cm.

The next rnd is an increase rnd.

Change to bigger sized needles (US #7/4.5 mm).

Increase Rnd: *k15, kfb*, repeat * till the end of the rnd.

You should have 102 sts on your needles.

~Hat's Body~

Work as follows:

Rnd 1: [p2, (k3, p2) x 3, pm B, p17, pm B] x2, p2, (k3, p2) x 3, pm B, p17.

Rnds 2 -3: [p2, (k3, p2) x3, slipm, p17, slipm]x2, p2, (k3, p2)x 3, slipm, p17.

Rnds 4-6: [p2, (k3, p2) x3, slipm, k17, slipm]x2, p2, (k3, p2)x 3, slipm, k17.

Rnds 7-9: repeat Rnd 2

Rnds 10-12: repeat Rnd 4.

Rnds 13-15: repeat Rnd 2.

Rnds 16-18: [p17, slipm, p2, (k3, p2) x3, slipm] x2, p17, slipm, p2, (k3, p2).

Rnds 19-21: [k17, slipm, p2, (k3, p2) x3, slipm] x2, k17, slipm, p2, (k3, p2).

Rnds 22-24: repeat Rnd 16.

Rnds 25-27: repeat Rnd 19.

Rnds 28-30: repeat Rnd 16.

Rnds 31-33: repeat Rnd 2.

Your work should measure approximately 6.5"/16.5 cm.

You will shape the crown next.

~Crown Shaping~

Rnd 1: [p2, (skp, k1, p2) x3, slipm, k2, (skp, k3) x3, slipm] x2, p2, (skp, k1, p2) x3, slipm, k2, (skp, k3) x3. (84 sts)

Rnds 2-3: [p2, (k2, p2) x3, slipm, k14, slipm] x2, p2, (k2, p2) x3, slipm, k14.

Rnd 4: [p2tog, (k2, p2tog) x3, slipm, p2tog, (p2, p2tog) x3, slipm] x2, p2tog, (k2, p2tog) x3, slipm, p2tog, (p2, p2tog) x3. (60 sts)

Rnds 5-6: [p1, (k2, p1) x3, slipm, p10, slipm] x2, p1, (k2, p1) x3, slipm, p10.

Rnd 7: [p1, (skp, p1) x3, slipm, k1, (skp, k1) x3, slipm] x2, p1, (skp, p1) x3, slipm, k1, (skp, k1) x3. (42 sts)

Rnd 8: [p1, (k1, p1) x3, slipm, k7, slipm] x2, p1, (k1, p1) x3, slipm, k7.

Rnd 9: [p1, skp x3, slipm, skpx3, k1, slipm] x2, p1, skpx3, slipm, skp x3, k1. (24 sts)

Rnd 10: * skp*, repeat * till the end of the rnd. (12 sts)

~Finishing Touches~

Cut yarn, leaving about a 20.5 cm/8" tail.

Thread the tail through the remaining sts and fasten off.

Block gently.