Design S8918 / Hat with Melon Appliqués

Size: To fit head circumference of approx. 17-19"/43-48 cm, Hat circumference 19¼"/49 cm, Hat length 9"/23 cm.

Materials: Schachenmayr Catania,
50 g each color #00106 white, #00389 leaf green, #00114 cyclamen, #00146 turquoise.
Knitting needles, one each sizes US 2 and 3 (2.5 and 3 mm) circular needles 16"/40 cm long and one set (5) double-pointed needles (dpn) size US 3 (3 mm).
Crochet hook size US D-3 (3 mm).
Black opaque seed beads, 2.6 mm, for melon appliqués.
One yarn needle for sewing.

Border Pattern: K2, P2 Ribbing.

Stockinette Stitch (St st): In rounds, knit every round.

Double decrease: Slip 2 sts as if to k2tog, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over k1.

Gauge: With US 3 (3mm) needles in St st: 26 sts and 36 rnds = 4 x 4"/10 x 10 cm.

Stripe Pattern: 2 rnds in turquoise, 1 rnd in cyclamen, 5 rnds in white, 2 rnds in turquoise,

1 rnd in leaf green, 5 rnds in white. Repeat these 16 rnds.

INSTRUCTIONS

Hat: With US 2 (2.5mm) circular needle and turquoise, cast on 112 sts. Join to work in rnds and work 10 rnds = approx. 1¼"/3 cm in Border Pattern.
Change to US 3 (3mm) circular needle and leaf green, and knit 1 rnd, and increase 16 sts evenly spaced around = 128 sts.
With white, work 16 rnds = approx. 1¾"/4.5 cm in St st. Then cont in St st and Stripe Pattern for 36 rnds, or approx 7"/17.5 cm from beg. Cont in St st and Stripe Pattern and shape top of hat as follows: (Note: change to dpn when sts no longer fit comfortably on circular needle).

Rnd 1: ✱ K13, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 112 sts.

Rnds 2, 3 and 4: Work even in pat without decreasing.

Rnd 5: ✱ K11, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 96 sts.

Rnds 6 and 7: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 8: ✱ K9, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 80 sts.

Rnds 9 and 10: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 11: ✱ K7, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 64 sts.

Rnds 12 and 13: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 14: ✱ K5, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 48 sts.

Rnd 15: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 16: ✱ K3, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 32 sts.

Rnd 17: Rep rnd 2.

Rnd 18: ✱ K1, work double dec; rep from ✱ 7 times more = 16 sts.

Rnd 19: K2 together around = 8 sts.
Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts twice, pull together tightly and secure the end. Sew in all ends.
Total length = approx. 9"/23 cm.

Melon slices: With crochet hook and cyclamen, make an adjustable ring and work rows 1 to 3 following the chart. Chain 1 and along the lower edge work a row of single crochet, working the last 2 loops of last stitch with white.
Then with white, along the curved, edge work slip stitch, working through the back loops.
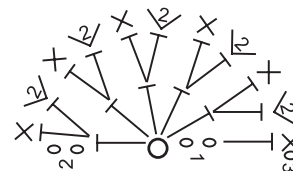Fasten off. With leaf green work 1 row sl st along curved edge, working through back loops.

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Cut yarn and weave in all ends.
Make 2 more melon slices.
Sew on seed beads.

Finishing: Sew on the melon slices diagonally on the lower white stripe of hat (see photo).

Crochet chart

Stitch Key

◯ = *Adjustable ring*

0 = *1 chain*

⊤ = *1 double crochet*

✕ = *1 single crochet*