TAM-O'-SHANTER

GAUGE: 5ST = 1"

MATERIALS:

2 TO 3 OUNCES WORSTED WEIGHT YARN 16" CIRCULAR NEEDLE - BETWEEN #5 & #8 (TO SUIT GAUGE) FOUR SOCK NEEDLES OF SAME SIZE

CAST ON 90st onto circular needle. Join, being careful not to twist. Knit 10 rounds for the border lining/hem. This is a place to place a pattern, such as a Scottish check.

Increase suddenly to 120sts. K3, M1 around for average tam; K2, M1 around for a monster. Continue for 25 rounds (about $3\frac{1}{2}$ ") on about 120sts, or 32 rounds (about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ") on 135 sts, or any number of sts divisible by seven – seven blocks of 17 or 19 sts respectively.

Decrease 7sts evenly spaced around (K15, K2tog, or K17, K2tog, around) & work 1 round plain. Alternate these two rounds, decreasing 7 by 7 until 49sts remain.

Decrease every round to last 7sts then fasten off.

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