

Maker Monday Hat

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MATERIALS:

Size 8 circular needles, 16 or 24 inches
Size 11 circular needles, 16 or 24 inches
Size 11 double-pointed needles
Lion Brand Wool-Ease Chunky, one skein each of
Fisherman (A) and Nantucket (B), or any bulky yarn
1 stitch marker
Tapestry needle

Note: The pictured sample was knit using size 11 needles for the brim, instead of the now suggested size 8. I realized after knitting that I preferred a more fitted brim and reduced the needle size accordingly.



GAUGE:

Using larger needles, 8 stitches x 12 rows = 3 inches

DIRECTIONS:

Using color A & **smaller needles**, cast on 54 stitches.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches, and place stitch marker to indicate beginning of round

Begin a K1P1 ribbing, continuing until desired brim length

Switch to larger needles.

Row 1: Knit one row around using A

Row 2: Knit one row around using B

When knitting anything in the round with thinner stripes, it can sometimes get frustrating to see that the stripes don't line up at the color changes, and instead create an annoying zig-zag type look called a "jog" in the back. Here's a fix to create a jogless transition:

When you reach the end of your round and are back to the first stitch of the new color (**i.e. the first stitch in the next round**) instead of changing colors and knitting as normally, pick up the stitch below the stitch you are about to knit (this will be a stitch of the previous color/the color you are about to start knitting with), put it on your left needle, and knit it together with the original first stitch of the round. From here, continue knitting as you would, and do this at the beginning of every round with a color change.

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This is MUCH easier & cleaner than the technique I originally had in this pattern. I have to credit Stephanie Pearl-McPhee for this one, though! I rarely knit stripes in the round and didn't have a better technique until I happened across her [Tiptoe Through the Tulips](#) sock pattern. I'm sure this is a well-known technique, but it's new to me! Thanks, Stephanie!

And, as with mostly all color changes, pull your new yarn under and around your working yarn, or otherwise there will be a hole in your knitting.

Repeat these two rows 10 more times or until you reach your desired slouchiness, ending with a color B round. Continue with the decrease rounds, moving to double-pointed needles (or to longer circular needles, for the magic loop-inclined) when necessary.

Decrease round 1: with A, (k6 k2tog) twice, k5 k2tog, (k6 k2tog) three times, k5 k2tog - **47 sts**

Decrease round 2: with B, knit all stitches

Decrease round 3: with A, (k5 k2tog) twice, k4 k2tog, (k5 k2tog) three times, k4 k2tog - **40 sts**

Decrease round 4: with B, knit all stitches

Decrease round 5: with A, (k4 k2tog) twice, k3 k2tog, (k4 k2tog) three times, k3 k2tog - **33 sts**

Decrease round 6: with B, knit all stitches

Decrease round 7: with A, (k3 k2tog) twice, k2 k2tog, (k3 k2tog) three times, k2 k2tog - **26 sts**

Decrease round 8: with B, (k2 k2tog) twice, k1 k2tog, (k2 k2tog) three times, k1 k2tog - **19 sts**

Decrease round 9 : STILL with B, (k1 k2tog) twice, k2, (k1 k2tog) three times, k2 - **14 sts**

Cut your yarn, leaving about 8 inches, and weave it through the remaining stitches twice. Pull tight, and weave in ends.

POM-POM

I used a pom-pom maker, but if you don't have one, here are a couple of tutorials to show you how to make a pom-pom without one: [using your hands](#) / [using cardboard](#) Both are simple. Using your hands takes less time and less materials (and is better if you don't have any cardboard) but use what's best for you!

When you're done making the pom-pom, don't cut short the yarn you used to tighten around the pom-pom. This is the yarn you will use to attach if to the hat, since attaching new yarn to a pom-pom is annoying. To attach it, use your tapestry needle and insert each strand about 2 rounds from the top on either side and tie the strands together. Weave in the ends and you're done!

[And here's the link to the pattern on Ravelry.](#)

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