

Greenleaf Cap

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This is the next development on from the Greenleaf Wristwarmers, again an adaption from the Tulip Bud edging from Barbara Walker's *Second Treasury*.



I used handspun yarn in a soft merino, spun into a light double-knit weight. It gave me a gauge of 11 stitches and 18 rows, in the round, to 2"/5cm. This hat took less than 50g of yarn (it's light and airy, a heavier yarn may need more) and I used both dpns and a circular needle in 3.25mm.

For the leaf border, slip the first stitch of every row purlwise.

Cast on 6 stitches using a provisional cast on - I find it easier to crochet a simple chain in waste yarn and cast on through that.

Row 1: k3, yo, k1, yo, k2	2: p6, m1 (pick up yarn between stitches and knit through it), k2
3: k5, yo, k1, yo, k3	4: p8, m1, k3
5: k7, yo, k1, yo, k4	6: p10, m1, k4
7: k9, yo, k1, yo, k5	8: p12, m1, k5
9: k6, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1	10: p10, m1, k6
11: k7, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1	12: p8, m1, k3, p1, k3
13: k8, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1	14: p6, m1, k4, p1, k3
15: k9, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1	16: p4, m1, k5, p1, k3
17: k10, (sl1, k2tog, pss), k1	18: p2tog, cast off 5 knitwise*, k1, p1, k3.

Repeat until you have a strip of ten leaves, then stop at * on the last row and graft the remaining stitches to the cast on sts, being careful not to twist the leaves.

Reattach the yarn and, using the circular needles, pick up 104 stitches through the slipped stitches on the garter stitch side of the selvedge, and knit in the round, in stocking stitch, for 3"/8cm.

The amount of stitches divides into eight sections of 13 stitches.

(k11, k2tog) repeat to end (96sts), k 3 rows.

(k10, k2tog) repeat to end (88), k 3 rows

(k9, k2tog), repeat to end (80), k3 rows

(k8, k2tog), repeat to end (72), k3 rows, then:

(k7, k2tog), repeat to end (64), k 1 row, and continue to decrease every other row until only 8 sts remain on the needles, changing to dpns when necessary. Break the yarn, run through the remaining stitches, and fasten off all hanging threads neatly inside the cap.

Place on head and dance through the woods.