

Snowflakes on Mulberries Hat

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A fancy name for a hat that's quick, easy, and makes a great gift for anyone. The 6-fold symmetry of the decreases on top of this stretchy ribbed hat form a snowflake when worked in the ice-blue stripes of this shade of Silk Garden Lite.

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner. Skills include working in round, knit, purl, directional decreases.

Size: Adult, to fit head up to 23".

Finished measurements: 8" [20 cm] wide unstretched, up to 12" [30 cm] wide stretched, 8" [20 cm] tall.

Yarn: Noro Silk Garden Lite (45% Silk, 45% Mohair, 10% Lambswool); 137 yards [125 meters]/50g: Color 2043, 1 ball.

Needles: Size US 6 needles [4mm], or size needed to get gauge: 16" [40cm] circular, 1 set double-pointed needles.

Notions: 7 stitch markers (6 in one color, 1 in another), tapestry needle.

Gauge: 30 sts and 34 rows per 4" in k2, p2 ribbing, unstretched.

Abbreviations:

CO: cast on

k: knit

p: purl

st: stitch

rnd: round

rep: repeat

Directions

CO 120 sts on circular needle using long-tail cast on.

Place marker and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. Work k2,p2 ribbing as follows:

Rnd 1: *K2, p2.* Repeat between * to end of round.

Repeat Rnd 1 until work measures 5" [13 cm] or 3" [8cm] less than total desired length.

Crown Decreases

Setup round:

(K2, p2) twice, k1, PM, k1, p2.

(K2, p2) four times, k1, PM, k1, p2.

Repeat between * four more times. End (k2, p2) twice.

Decrease round:

Work in pattern (knit the knits and purl the purls) until 2 sts before marker, k2tog, SM, ssk.

Repeat between * to end of round.

Work 2 rounds in pattern without decreasing.

Repeat these 3 rounds (1 decrease rnd, 2 rnds worked even in pattern) until 24 sts remain, switching to double-pointed needles when necessary. Do not work the last st of 2nd plain round with 24 sts. Slip this st to beginning of round, moving beginning-of-round marker. Round should begin and end with 1 purl st.

Last round: *K2tog, remove marker, ssk.* Repeat between * to end of round. 12 sts remain.

Break yarn, leaving a tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle and pass through remaining sts twice. Weave in ends. The hat may look a little nipple-y when flat, but not when it is being worn. It can be blocked to look rounder if desired.



PM: place marker

SM: slip marker

k2tog: knit 2 together

ssk: Slip 2 stitches knitwise individually, then knit these 2 stitches together through back loop

