Little Things

This simple beanie is perfect for colder days. It's quickly knitted for yourself - or for all your loved ones.

Materials

Yarn: 1 skein of madelinetosh tosh merino light, or approx. 220 meters/ 240 yards of fingering/ 4 ply yarn.
Needles: 3 mm/US 2½ and 3.5 mm/ US 4 dpn's (set of five). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.
Other: tapestry needle, stitch marker, 3 buttons.

Sizing

Finished hat circumference: 50 cm/ 20".

Gauge

26 sts and 36 rows = 10 cm/ 4" on St st and larger needles.

Abbreviations

CO: cast on
BO: bind off
st(s): stitch(es)
RS: right side
WS: wrong side
k: knit
p: purl
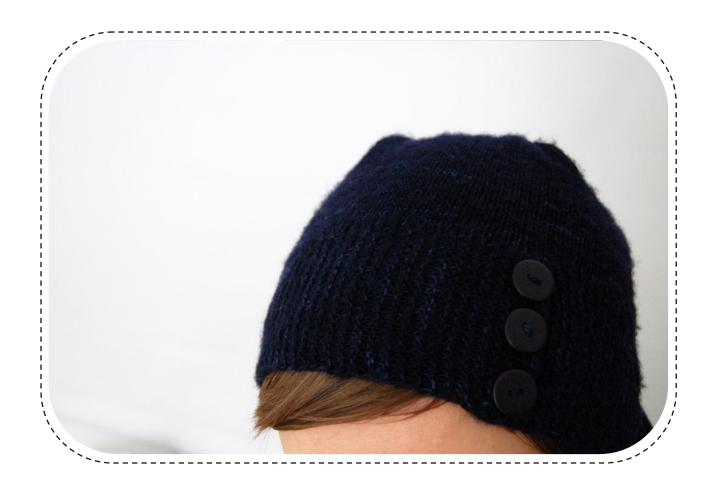**St st:** Stockinette stitch; knit on RS, purl on WS
PM: place marker
k2tog: knit 2 sts together; decrease
slm: slip marker
ssk: slip, slip, knit; decrease

Brim

Note: The brim is worked sideways.

Using 2 smaller dpn's CO 20 sts. Work back and forth in garter st (knit every row) until the piece measures 48 cm little stretched. BO all sts except last one and keep working yarn attached.

Body

Change to larger dpn's. Place approx. 1.5 cm/ ½" of the brim ends on top of each other (BO edge on top of the CO edge). Pick up and knit - *first through both layers of brim* - 128 sts (32 for each dpn) along the brim and join in round. Work in St st until the beanie measures 17 cm/ 6¾" (brim included).

Begin decreases on next round:

Dec. round: *k2tog, k to last 2 sts of the needle, ssk; repeat three more times from * (8 sts decreased).

Repeat the dec. round until 8 sts remain (2 on every needle).

I-cord finishing

On first round decrease 2 more sts: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk. Begin plain I-cord:

*Slip the sts back to the beginning of the needle and k all sts. Repeat from * until the I-cord measures 5 cm /2". Pull gently and the gap at the back of I-cord will close. Break yarn and weave it through I-cord sts.

Finishing

Sew the open brim edge and sew 3 buttons evenly through the double layer. Fold the I-cord in loop and sew the end to the top of the beanie. Weave in all ends. Block beanie using your preferred method.