

Peppermint Twist Hat

an intarsia-in-the-round or 2-needle pattern
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materials & gauge:

- dpns or circular needles – 3.25mm/3.75mm (us 3 & 5)
or size necessary to achieve gauge
- DK weight yarn:
1/2 ounce baby yarn in each of two colors
gauge: 12 sts/15 rows = 5 cm (2")

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

MC: main color	rnd(s): round(s)
CC: contrasting color	sl X: slip X sts, purlwise and with yarn in back, unless other- wise noted
k: knit	skp: slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped st over knit st
k2tog: knit 2 sts together as one	st(s): stitch(es)
p: purl	
p2tog: purl 2 sts together as one	



getting started

to knit with 2 needles, simply eliminate the step to join the rounds after the cast on row. When you're finished, sew the seam closed and you're done!

before you begin, cut two 10 (10, 12) yard/meter lengths of each color. These will be used to create the color blocks.

cut one additional length of each color 15 (15, 20) yards/meters long. These two lengths will be used for the cast on.

instructions:

using smaller needles, cast 60 (72, 84) sts using a 2-color long tailed cast on. every 10 (12, 14) sts, switch the yarn colors between index and thumb, twisting the color as you switch. this will establish the 6 color blocks.

join to form a ring, being careful not to twist. row 1 will begin with the color that is first on the needles. clip the cast on yarns, leaving a 6" tail for weaving in at the end.

*k1, p1 for 10 (12, 14) sts. switch colors, making sure to twist so there are no holes. k1, p1 for 10 (12, 14) sts. repeat from * around. turn

*p1, k1 for 10 (12, 14) sts. switch colors, p1, k1 for 10 (12, 14) sts. repeat from * around. turn

repeat these 2 rows 3 (3, 4) times. 8 (8, 10) rows completed.

switch to larger needles. continuing in established color blocks, work in stockinette (knit right side rows, then turn and purl wrong side rows) until hat (including ribbing) measures 2" (2 1/2", 3"). end ready for a knit row.

decreases:

*k to last 3 sts in color block. k2tog, k1. change color. repeat from * around. turn.

*p1. p2tog. p to end of color block. change color. repeat from * around. turn.

repeat these 2 rows until 18 sts (3 of each color) remain. clip all but the yarn at the beginning of the rnd.

work one more decrease round using the remaining color. clip yarn, leaving a 6" tail.

finishing:

draw the 6" tail through the remaining 12 sts and to the inside of the hat. pull tightly to close opening and tie off.

weave in all ends.

need help with the intarsia technique?
more information available here:

<http://www.p2designs.com/pages/IntarsiaRound.html>