



Just Keep Swimming Hat

This hat was designed with schools of fish in mind. Knitters are like fish, we find our community, help, and protect each other. We love this!



Instructions

Cast on 112 stitches with US6 needle. Place a marker and begin knitting in the round.

Knit 2, Purl 2 rib for 4”.

Switch to US7 needle. Knit 56, place unique middle marker, knit 56.

Set up round: K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to middle marker, sm. K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to end of round.

Skip to **Round 2** for 1st repeat.

Round 1: K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to 5 stitches before middle marker. Slip 5 stitches to the right needle, remove middle marker, slip 5 stitches back to the left needle and replace middle marker. K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to end of round.

Round 2 - 5: K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9. Knit to middle marker. K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9. Knit to end of round.

Round 6: *(Slip 3 stitches as if to purl from the left needle to the right needle, hold the next stitch, this will be the stitch you slipped each round, to the front of your work. No need to use a cable needle, it should be ok just hanging out. Slip the 3 stitches back to the left needle and put the dropped slipped stitch back on the left needle. The slipped stitch should now be the first stitch you’ll knit. K4) x 9. * Knit to middle marker. Repeat between * * once more. Knit to 5 stitches before end of round. Slip 5 stitches to the right needle, remove end of round marker, slip 5 stitches back to the left needle and replace end of round marker.

Repeat **Rounds 1 - 6** six more times or until desired height.

Materials

Yarn: 1 skein FIBER MACGYVER 100% SW merino DK; 246 yds/100g.

Color: School of Fish. Dyed for MN Yarn Shop Hop 2023

Needles: US6 and 7 – 16” circular

Notions: Darning needle, 2 unique stitch markers

Size & Gauge

20 sts = 4” on a US7 in Stockinette Stitch

Average Adult

Abbreviations

K=knit

Sm = Slip marker

Sl1=Slip next stitch as if to purl

K2tog=knit the next 2 stitches together

Yo=Yarn over



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Instructions for Decrease

Round 1: K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to 5 stitches before middle marker. Slip 5 stitches to the right needle, remove middle marker, slip 5 stitches back to the left needle and replace middle marker. K3, (Sl1, yo, K2tog, K1) x 9. Knit to end of round. (112 stitches)

Round 2: K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9, K2, (K1, K2tog) x 5, sm, K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9, K2, (K1, K2tog) x 5. (102 stitches)

Round 3: K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9, knit to middle marker, sm, K3, (Sl1, K3) x 9, knit to end of round. (102 stitches)

Round 4: K1, K2tog (Sl1, K1, K2tog) x 9, knit to middle marker, sm, K1, K2tog (Sl1, K1, K2tog) x 9, knit to end of round. (82 stitches)

Round 5: K2, (Sl1, K2) x 9, (K1, K2tog) x 4, sm, K2, (Sl1, K2) x 9, (K1, K2tog) x 4. (74 stitches)

Round 6: *(Slip 2 stitches as if to purl from the left needle to the right needle, hold the next stitch to the front of your work. Slip the 2 stitches back to the left needle and put the dropped slipped stitch back on the left needle. K3) x 9. * Knit to middle marker. Repeat Between* * to 3 stitches before end of round. Slip 3 stitches to the right needle, remove end of round marker, slip 3 stitches back to the left needle and replace end of round marker. (74 stitches)

Round 7: K1, (Sl1, K2tog) x 9. Knit to 3 stitches before middle marker, slip 3 stitches, remove middle marker, slip 3 stitches back, replace marker. K1, (Sl1, K2tog) x 9. Knit to end of round. (56 stitches)

Round 8: K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9, K9, sm, K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9, K9. (56 stitches)

Round 9: K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9, (K1, K2tog) x3, sm, K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9, (K1, K2tog) x 3. (50 stitches)

Round 10- 11: K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9, K6, sm, K1 (Sl1, K1) x 9. (50 stitches)

Round 12: *(Slip 1 stitch to the left needle, hold next stitch off needle, put slipped stitch back on the left needle and put held off stitch back on the left needle. K2) x 9. knit 7, * sm; repeat between * * to 1 stitch from end of round. Slip 1 stitch to the right needle, remove end of round marker, slip 1 stitch back to the left needle. Replace end of round marker.

Round 13: (K2tog, k2) repeat to 2 stitches before middle marker, K1, slip 1 stitch to the right needle, remove middle of round marker, slip 1 stitch back to the left needle. Replace middle of round marker. Repeat from beginning of round to last stitch. K1. (38 stitches)

Round 14: Knit all stitches. (38 stitches)

Round 15: K2tog around. (19 stitches)

Round 16: K2tog until 1 stitch remains, K1. (10 stitches)

Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail. With a darning needle, thread remaining 10 stitches with yarn and cinch closed. Weave in ends.

