

Honeycomb Hat

1 skein Caron Spa
1 set US size 4/3.5mm double pointed needles
6.5 stitches/8 rows over 1 inch in stockinette



Cast on 126 stitches (32 stitches on 3 needles and 30 stitches on 1 needle).

Purl 5 rounds.
Knit 2 rounds.
Next round: Knit 2, *yarn over, knit 2 together, knit 5*. Repeat from * to * to last 5 stitches. Knit 5. (This round can be worked in plain knit if you prefer not to have a tie band.)
Knit 2 rounds.
Purl 2 rounds.
Knit 1 round.

Work honeycomb pattern as follows:

Round 1: *Knit 4, slip 2 stitches*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 2-4: Repeat round 1, slipping the same 2 stitches each time around. This will cause a little pucker that will make the honeycomb effect.
Round 5: Knit.
Round 6-7: Purl
Round 8: Knit.
Round 9: Knit 1, slip 2 stitches, *knit 4, slip 2 stitches*. Repeat from * to * to the last 3 stitches. Knit 3.
Round 10-12: Same as round 9.
Round 13-16: Same as rounds 5-8.

Repeat this pattern 3 times. At last repeat, purl the last round (making 3 purl rounds).

Decrease for top as follows:

Round 1: *Knit 12, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 2 (and all even rounds): Knit.
Round 3: *Knit 11, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 5: *Knit 10, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 7: *Knit 9, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 9: *Knit 8, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 11: *Knit 7, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 13: *Knit 6, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 15: *Knit 5, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 17: *Knit 4, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 19: *Knit 3, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 21: *Knit 2, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 23: *Knit 1, knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.
Round 25: *Knit 2 together*. Repeat from * to * to end.

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 12 inches. Thread a tapestry needle and run the thread through the 9 stitches left on the needle. Pull tight before weaving in the ends. I like the thread the yarn through the last stitches twice to give it a little extra hold. Weave in the ends.

Cut 6 strands of the yarn about 45 inches long. Tie a tight knot on one end and carefully braid using 2 strands for each leg of the braid. Braiding will pull up the length a little and you may not want it quite this long but it can always be cut down to the length you want. When finished, tie a tight knot in the end and trim the yarn up to each knotted edge. Loosely thread the braid through the holes created by the yarn overs, making sure the ends come out on either side of the 7 stitch section. Tie a square knot or a braid (whichever you prefer), making sure to adjust it to fit your head.

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