

Preppy Bobbled Hat

Skill Level – Easy 🔏 Designer – Kitty Wilson Jarrett

This fun, girly hat is basically just a tube, cinched at the top with a crocheted chain. Thanks to the elastic in the yarn and the cinched top, the hat shapes itself to your head, so you don't have to bother with decreasing at the top or switching to doublepointed needles. You'll find that making bobbles and working with multiple colors are easy techniques that add a lot of interest to your knitting.

Specifications

Size

One size

Finished Measurements

Circumference: 16 inches (unstretched)

Materials

- 1 ball elann.com Esprit (98.3% Cotton/1.7% Elastic, 100 yd (unstretched)/50g ball) in color #6287 (A)
- 1 ball elann.com Esprit in color #3703 (B)
- J 1 ball elann.com Esprit in color #5606 (C)
- 16-inch US 6 (4mm) circular needle
- ✓ Stitch marker
- 📌 US G (4.5mm) crochet hook
- **L** Tapestry needle

Gauge

20 sts and 38 rows to 4 inches in stockinette stitch on US 6 (4mm) needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.

Pattern Stitches

St st (Stockinette stitch) worked in rounds: Knit all sts.

mb (make bobble): Knit into the front, back, front, back, and front (that's five times) of the next stitch. Without turning work, use the left needle to pick up the fourth stitch and pass it over the fifth and off the needle; pass the third stitch over the fifth and off the needle; pass the second stitch over the fifth and off the needle; and finally, pass the first stitch over the fifth and off the needle.

k2tog (knit 2 together): Insert the right needle into the front of the next 2 stitches on the left needle as if to knit. Wrap the yarn over the right needle and knit the 2 stitches as 1 stitch.

yo (yarn over): Bring the working yarn to the front of the needles and lay it over the right needle from front to back. This creates another stitch.

Instructions

Using color A and the long-tail cast-on method, CO 84 sts onto a circular needle. Place marker (to note the beginning of the rnd) and join sts in a circle, being careful not to twist sts.

Knit 2 rnds. Cut color A, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Make bobbles and ribbing:

Join color B and knit 1 rnd.

Next rnd (make bobbles): *K1, mb; rep from * to end of rnd.

Next 9 rnds (ribbing): *P1, k3; rep from * to end of rnd.

Next rnd (make bobbles): *K1, mb; rep from * to end of rnd.

Cut color B, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Begin two-color work:

Join color A and knit 3 rnds. Do not cut color A; join color C to start two-color work.

Rnds 1 and 7: *K3 in color A, k1 in color C; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 2 and 6: K2 in color A, *k1 in color C, k3 in color A; rep from * to last st, k1 in color A.

Rnds 3 and 5: K1 in color A, *k1 in color C, k3 in color A; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2 in color A. **Rnd 4:** *K1 in color C, k3 in color A; rep from * to end of rnd.

Cut color C, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Work main part of hat:

Continuing in color A, work in St st until hat measures 7 inches from CO edge.

Next rnd (make holes for crocheted chain): *K2tog, yo, k5; rep from * to end of rnd.

Work decorative top of hat:

Knit 5 rnds more in color A. Do not cut color A. Join color C and knit 1 rnd. Cut color C, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Knit 2 rnds in color A. Do not cut color A. Join color B and knit 1 rnd.



Next rnd (make bobbles): *K1, mb; rep from * to end of rnd. Cut color B, leaving a 6-inch tail. Knit 2 rnds in color A. Using color A, BO purlwise.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Holding 2 strands of color A together, crochet a chain 20 inches long. Cut yarn ends and weave into chain. Thread crocheted chain through holes at top of hat, cinch tight, and tie in a bow.