

Pocket Top Hat or Tea Cosy by Mary Keenan

This is either a very silly hat with a brim you can fold up, or a cheery tea cosy... or both!



Materials

Biscotte & Cie 'Gobelin' or 'Nymphe' superwash wool in 'Watermelon', 1 skein
 1 set 3.75mm/US 5 double pointed needles
 1 pair 3.75/US 5 straight needles
 1 button of any size to seal flap

Gauge/Sizing

Stocking stitch: 16 sts and 22 rows = 4"
 S: 18-20", M: 20-22", L: 22-24"

Abbreviations

K: knit, **P:** purl, **st(s):** stitch(es)

K2 tog/P2tog: k two sts together/p two sts together (decrease)

sl 1, p1, sl1, pss2: Slip the next st purlwise onto the right needle, P the next st, then slip the third st knitwise to twist it and return it to the left needle. Slip the purled st onto the left needle and pass the twisted stitch over it. Slip the purled st back to the right needle again and pass the original slipped st over it. (decrease)

sl1, k1, pss2, ret. LH needle, PNSO: slip the next st purlwise, K next st, and pass slipped st over it. Return the knit st to the left needle and pull the st to its left over the knit st. Now return the knit st to the right needle. (decrease)

Directions

Cast on 72 (80, 88) sts and divide evenly on dpns. Join and place marker.

Row 1: *K1, P1; repeat from * to end of rnd

Row 2: P

Repeat these two rows four times more, for a total of 10.

Row 3: K

Repeat Row 3 until hat measures 8" from cast-on.

Flap

Redistribute sts so the first 18 (20, 22) to the left of the marker are on one needle, the first 18 (20, 22) to the right on another, and 18, (20, 22) more stitches on each of the remaining two.

Row 1: 3-needle bindoff: line up the dpns so there are two sets of 36, (40, 44) sts pressed together, with the yarn hanging from the back right needle. *Slip a straight needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back dpn, then purlwise through the first st on the front needle, and P2tog. Repeat from * to end.

Row 2: S11, p1, sl1, pss2; *K1, P1; repeat from * to last three sts; P2 tog; slip the last st purlwise and pass the purled stitch over it as though casting off – 32 (36, 40) sts

Row 3: S11, k1, pss2, ret. LH needle, PNSO; P to last three sts; slip the last stitch purlwise, K2 tog, then pass the slipped stitch over the knit one as to cast off – 28 (32, 36) sts

Row 4: As Row 2 – 24 (28, 32) sts

Row 5: As Row 3 – 20 (24, 28) sts

Row 6: As Row 2 – 16 (20, 24) sts

Row 7: As Row 3 – 12 (16, 20) sts

Row 8: As Row 2 – 8 (12, 16) sts

Row 9: As Row 3 – 4 (8, 12) sts

Row 10: As Row 2 (size S, do not decrease but [K1 P1] twice and turn) – 4 (4, 8) sts

Row 11: As Row 3 (size S, M, do not decrease but P to end and turn) – 4 (4, 4) sts

Row 12: Cast off knitwise

Finishing

Cut an 8-10" tail and use it to stitch button onto tip of flap. Run in remaining tails.