



merry berry

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This easy-peasy beanie will keep you and your family warm this winter. Perfect for gift knitting also, quick and easy - and a great way to use some of the remaining small yarn remains you happen to have around. Add a pom-pom in high-light color to make things even more fun!



materials

Yarn: 1 skein of Sock by Malabrigo Yarn (100% merino; 440 yards [402 meters] per 100 g) and additional contrasting color yarn for the pom-pom. Approx. 180 (200, 240) yards [165 (180, 220) meters] of fingering weight yarn. Sample is knit in colorway Tiziano Red, in size adults small.

Needles: US 1½ [2.5 mm] and US 2½ [3 mm] circular needle, 16" [40 cm] long, and US 2½ [3 mm] dpns. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Other: tapestry needle, stitch markers and piece of cardboard or pom-pom maker.

sizing

kids (adults small, adults large)

Finished brim circumference: 18 (20, 22)" [46 (50, 54) cm].

gauge

28 sts and 42 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch using larger needle.

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Brim

Using smaller circular needle and MC, CO 128 (140, 152) sts. Place marker for beginning of round and join carefully, not twisting your stitches. Work ten rounds in twisted ribbing (*k1 tbl, p1; repeat to end of round*).

Body

Change to larger circular needle. Continue in Stockinette stitch until the beanie measures 7 (8, 9)" [17 (20, 22) cm] from cast-on edge.

Crown decreases

Continue in Stockinette stitch and begin decreases -

Setup round (begin decreases and add markers): Sm, *ssk, k 28 (31, 34), k2tog, pm; repeat from * twice, ssk, k 28 (31, 34), k2tog.

Knit one round.

Decreases round: *Sm, ssk, knit until two stitches before marker remain, k2tog; repeat from * three times more.

Alternate knit round and decrease round until 8 (12, 8) stitches remain (change to dpns when necessary). Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches twice. Fasten securely.

pompom

Note: this yarn can also be a different weight, anything is good here!

Cut out a 2 x 2" sized square from cardboard (or a bit smaller). Using contrasting color yarn, wind yarn around the cardboard piece (the more you wind, the fuller the pompom will be). When you have the desired amount, slip the cardboard off and tie a piece of yarn to the center of the yarn, secure tightly (it should now resemble a figure eight). Cut both of the loops on both sides, every single loop. Even the pompom with scissors.

finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Block both the cowl and the beanie using your preferred method.

glossary

abbreviations

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

k: knit

p: purl

pm: place marker

sm: slip marker

St st: Stockinette stitch; knit on RS, purl on WS

m1: make one; pick up the strand between the stitches, knit twisting the loop.

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together; decrease.

ssk: slip, slip, knit slipped sts tbl; decrease.