

## BEAUFORT HAT

The Beaufort wind scale allows sailors to estimate wind speed; at 19-24 mph (a “fresh breeze”), waves are topped with whitecaps, and foam begins to spray from their peaks. (For those landlocked, small trees sway!) The color and pattern of this hat remind me of billowing whitecaps, and the yarn—a cotton-microfiber blend—is suitable for a chilly afternoon on the water, even in mid-summer.



## MATERIALS

Jo Sharp Desert Garden Aran Cotton (65% cotton, 35% microfibre), Colour 237 (Solstice), 2 [2,3] 50 gm. balls.  
Possible substitutes: Jo Sharp Silk Road Aran, Lamb's Pride Worsted, Blue Sky Cotton, Classic Elite Four Seasons Cotton or Bazic

1 16-inch circular needle, US size 8 (5 mm)

1 set double-pointed needles, US size 8 (5.00 mm)

## SIZES & MEASUREMENTS

Small-med child [med child-med adult, large adult]

13.5 [16, 18.5] inch circ., unstretched; will stretch to fit up to 17.5 [21, 24] inch head circ.

## GAUGE

Approx 18 sts/26 rows to 4 in/10 cm, unstretched; normally I would say CHECK GAUGE ON BLOCKED SWATCH, but this is optional for this pattern, as hat will be stretched while worn.

## SPIRAL STITCH PATTERN (mult of 12)

Rnd 1: P3, yo, k4, k2tog, k3; rep to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: P3, k1, yo, k4, k2tog, k2; rep to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: P3, k2, yo, k4, k2tog, k1; rep to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: P3, k3, yo, k4, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. Repeat these four rnds for patt.

## DIRECTIONS

Cast on 60 [72, 84] sts, join (take care not to twist stitches), pm and work approx 1 [1, 1.5] inches of 3 X 3 ribbing (\*p3, k3; rep from \* to end of rnd), then begin Spiral stitch pattern as above. (Optional: skip ribbing.)

Work until hat measures approx 4.5 [5.5, 6.5] in from bottom edge; end with patt Rnd 4.

Crown decrease rnds (if using circular needle, switch to dpns as needed):

Rnd 1: P1, p2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, k4; rep to end of rnd. 55 [66, 77] sts.

Rnd 2: P2, k1, yo, k3, k3tog, k2; rep to end of rnd. 50 [60, 70] sts

Rnd 3: P2, k2, yo, k2tog, k2, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. 45 [54, 63] sts.

Rnd 4: P2, k3, k2tog, k2; rep to end of rnd. 40 [48, 56] sts.

Rnd 5: P2, k3, k2tog, k1; rep to end of rnd. 35 [42, 49] sts.

Rnd 6: P2tog, k5; rep to end of rnd. 30 [36, 42] sts.

Rnd 7: P1, k3, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. 25 [30, 35] sts.

Rnd 8: P1, k3tog, k1; rep to end of rnd. 15 [18, 21] sts.

Rnd 9: P1, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. 10 [12, 14] sts.

Rnd 10; K2tog; rep to end of rnd. 5 [6, 7] sts. Break yarn, thread thru rem sts and fasten on WS.