

MAPLE SEED HAT

The spiraling columns on this hat remind me of the spinning trajectory of a falling maple seed, and if you look closely at the columns, the shape of the maple seed's wing will emerge.

DIFFICULTY

Adventurous beginner; skills include lace stitches (yarnovers and decreases) and working in the round.

YARN

Jo Sharp Silk Road Aran (85% wool, 10% silk, 5% cashmere), Colour 135 Merlot; 1 (1,2) 50 gm. ball(s). Possible substitutes: Jo Sharp Desert Garden Aran Cotton, Lamb's Pride Worsted, Blue Sky Cotton, Classic Elite Four Seasons Cotton or Bazic.

NEEDLES

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

1 set double-pointed needles (dpns), US size 8 (5 mm)

NOTIONS

Marker, tapestry needle

GAUGE

Approx 18 sts/26 rows to 4 in/10 cm in patt st, unstretched. Check gauge on blocked swatch.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, k	knit
P, p	purl
patt	pattern
sts	stitches
rep	repeat
rnd	round
yo	yarnover
sl	slip, slipped
SSK	sl 2 sts one-at-a-time knitwise, k 2 sl sts together
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
WS	wrong side

STITCH PATTERN (multiple of 12)

Rnd 1: *P3, yo, k4, SSK, k3; rep from * to end of rnd.

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

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

Rnd 4: *P3, k3, yo, k4, SSK; rep from * to end of rnd.

Repeat these four rows for patt.

DIRECTIONS

Cast on 60 (72, 84) sts, place marker and join for working in the round, taking care not to twist sts. Establish patt as above.

Work until hat measures approx 4.5 (5.5, 6.5) inches from bottom edge, ending with patt Rnd 4.



Crown decrease rnds (switch to dpns as needed):

Rnd 1: P1, p2tog, yo, k4, SSK, k3; rep to end of rnd. 55 (66, 77) sts.

Rnd 2: P2, k1, yo, k4, SSK, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. 50 (60, 70) sts

Rnd 3: P2, k2, yo, SSK, k2, SSK; rep to end of rnd. 45 (54, 63) sts.

Rnd 4: P2, k3, SSK, k2; rep to end of rnd. 40 (48, 56) sts.

Rnd 5: P2, k4, k2tog; rep to end of rnd. 35 (42, 49) sts.

Rnd 6: P2, k3, SSK; rep to end of rnd. 30 (36, 42) sts.

Rnd 7: P2tog, SSK, k2; rep to end of rnd. 20 (24, 28) sts.

Rnd 8: P1, SSK, k1; rep to end of rnd. 15 (18, 21) sts.

Rnd 9: P1, SSK; rep to end of rnd. 10 (12, 14) sts.

Rnd 10: K2tog; rep to end of rnd. 5 (6, 7) sts. Break yarn, thread through rem sts and fasten on WS.

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS

Small-med child (med child-med adult, large adult):
13.5 (16, 18.5) inch circumference, unstretched; will stretch to fit up to 18.5 (22, 25) inch head circumference.

Shown in size M.

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