Merriment Bonnet

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Yarn Pictured:

MC- Swan's Island All American Wool in Lichen

CC 1: Swan's Island All American Wool in Newport

CC 2: Stonehedge Fiber Mill Shepherd's Wool in White

Materials

50 yards of worsted weight wool in Main Color (MC)

30 yards of worsted weight wool in Contrasting Color 1 (CC1)

30 yards of worsted weight wool in Contrasting Color 2 (CC2)

Tools

Size US 4 / 3.5mm circular needles

Size US 6 / 4mm needles

Gauge

21 sts and 26 rows per 4" / 10 cm in stockinette stitch on larger needles. Adjust needles size to optain correct gauge.

Finished size

7” / 18 cm wide, 6 ½”/ 16 ½ cm tall (3-6 months).

Bonnet

Bonnet is worked flat. The body is knit in stockinette stitch, while the decrease rows are worked in garter stitch.

With smaller needles and MC, cast on 72 sts.

Work in k2, p2 for 4 rows

Switch to larger needles and purl 1 row.

Work chart (Note: Knit all odd rows, purl all even rows).

Continue in MC in stockinette stitch until piece measures 5” from cast on edge, end with a RS (knit) row.

Next row: Knit, decreasing 2 sts evenly across. 70 sts



Begin Decreases

Row 1: *K4, k2tog, k4; repeat from * to end. 63 sts.

Row 2 and all other even rows: Knit.

Row 3: *K3, k2tog, k4; repeat from * to end. 56 sts.

Row 5: *K3, k2tog, k3; repeat from * to end. 49 sts.

Row 7: *K2, k2tog, k3; repeat from * to end. 42 sts.

Row 9: *K2, k2tog, k2; repeat from * to end. 35 sts.

Row 11: *K1, k2tog, k2; repeat from * to end. 28 sts.

Row 13: *K1, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end. 21 sts.

Row 15: * K2tog, k1; repeat from * to end. 14 sts.

Row 17: K2tog across. 7 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 10” tail. Thread yarn through remaining 7 sts and draw up tightly. Sew crown seam together to beginning of crown shaping. With RS facing and MC yarn, pick up 3 stitches for every 4 rows along the entire bottom edge of bonnet. Break yarn but leave sts on needles.

I-Cord

With smaller needles and MC yarn, CO 3 sts and work a 10” long I-cord. Slip these 3 sts onto the circular needle with the neck sts from right, RS facing. Work an I-cord bind off as follows:

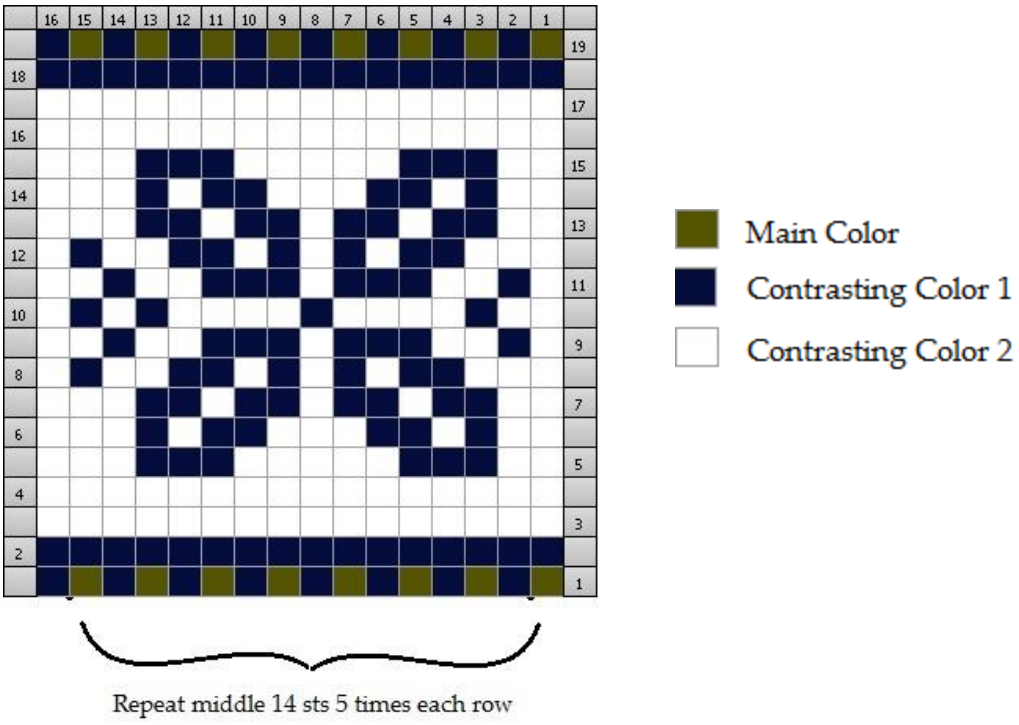
k2, k2tog through back loop, slip 3 sts back to the left hand needle repeat between *-* until 1 st is left from the front. 3 sts.

Change back to smaller needles and work a 10” long I-cord. Break yarn.

Finishing

Weave in ends.

Block lightly.



For more info, see http://www.frenchpressknits.com



Abbreviations:

K: knit.

P: purl.

K2tog: knit two together.

MC: Main color.

CC: Contrasting color.

CO: cast on.

Sts: stitches