



Size:
Fits children about ages 4 to 8

Gauge:

18 sts and 36 rows = 4" in seed st

Materials:

3 skeins Debbie Bliss Rialto Aran in Color 21210

Small amounts of black, white, and red (worsted weight is fine)

Size 8 US (5mm) double pointed needles (or 40" circulars for Magic Loop)

Size 8 US (5mm) 16" circular needles

Stitch Holder

Tapestry Needle

Polyfill or cotton balls

Instructions:**Ear Flaps**

CO 3 sts.

Row 1: K3

Row 2: P3

Row 3: K f/b of first stitch, k1, k f/b of last stitch - 5 sts

Row 4: K f/b of first stitch, p1, k1, p1, k f/b of last stitch - 7 sts

Row 5: K f/b of first stitch, (k1, p1) twice, k1, k f/b of last stitch - 9 sts

Continue in pattern as established, keeping to seed stitch pattern (knit the purls and purl the knits as they face you), until you have 19 sts. Work even for 3 ½ inches. Place stitches on a holder.

Make another ear flap. Do not cut yarn and leave sts on needle.

Join Flaps and Begin Hat

With circular needles, work Seed St over 19 sts on needle. Using the Cable Cast On, CO 28 sts (for front of hat). Work Seed St over 19 sts on holder. Using the Cable Cast On, CO 15 st (for back of hat) - 81 stitches.

Join and mark beg of round. Work in seed st for 6 - 6.5 inches (as desired) from CO edge.

Decrease Crown (in seed st):

Round 1: K7, K2 tog, repeat to end

Round 2: Knit all

Round 3: K6, K2 tog, repeat to end

Round 4: Knit all

Round 5: K5, K2 tog, repeat to end

Round 6: Knit all
Round 7: K4, K2 tog, repeat to end
Round 8: Knit all
Round 9: K3, K2 tog, repeat to end
Round 10: Knit all
Round 11: K2, K2 tog, repeat to end
Round 12: Knit all
Round 13: K1, K2 tog, repeat to end
Round 14: K2 tog
Round 15: K2 tog (1 left over at the end of decreases)

Break yarn and draw through securely.

Eyes:

Needles: Size 3 (dpn or Magic Loop)

With black wool, CO 6 sts

Round 1: Join and knit in the round.

Round 2: *k1, increase 1, K1; repeat from * (9 sts)

Round 3: with white, knit all stitches

Round 4: *k1, inc1, k1, inc1, k1; repeat from *

Rounds 5 & 6: Knit

Round 7: *k1, inc1; repeat from *. end k1

Round 8: Knit

Round 9 - 10: change to green yarn and knit all sts

Now is a good time to weave in all the ends you have thus far.

Round 11: *k1, k2 tog; repeat around

Round 12 & 13: Knit all sts

Round 14: *k1, k2tog; repeat from *

Round 15: Knit

Round 16: K2 tog around

Break off yarn, thread through loops. Before tying off, stuff with fleece or cotton, poking it in with a spare needle, fluffing to achieve a round shape. Pull tail tight and weave in end.

Mouth:

With size 3 needles and red yarn, CO 10 stitches. Join and knit in the round for 16 rows. Decrease as follows:

SSK, K1, K2 tog repeat. 6 stitches remain. K 1 row and then Kitchener st closed.
Weave in ends.

Finishing:

Sew eyeballs to the top of hat securely. With black embroidery wool, sew on a mouth and nose as depicted in the picture. Sew tongue to mouth as desired.

Note: The original had a fly embroidered on the tongue, but I chose not to add it.

Credits:

Hat

<http://knittingonthenet.com/patterns/kidshatearflapbb.htm>

<http://www.earthguild.com/products/knitroc/marypat/hatcalc.htm>

Eyes

<http://maryjanmidgemink.blogspot.com/2007/10/knitted-eyeballs-for-halloween.html>

Inspiration:

www.garnethill.com