

Hat of the Month Beehive Hat

Materials: Size #8 16" circular needles;
#8 double-pointed needles
Worsted weight yarn = 4 sts to 1 inch

Cast on 70 stitches very loosely using the less dominant or Contrasting Color. Join. Place marker.

With Contrasting Color – Knit 6 rounds. Break yarn.

* With Main Color (MC) – Knit 1 round and Purl 8 rounds.
Break yarn.

With Contrasting Color (CC) – Knit 6 rounds. Break yarn. *

Repeat between * 3 more times.



Decrease for Crown:

Round 1: *K8, K2tog, repeat from *
Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Knit
Round 3: *K7, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 5: *K6, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 7: *K5, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 9: *K4, K2tog, repeat from *

(Change to double-pointed needles)

Round 11: *K3, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 12: *K2, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 13: *K1, K2tog, repeat from *
Round 14: * K2tog, repeat from *

Cut yarn, leaving long enough tail to run through remaining stitches. Secure.

NOTE: The bands worked in stockinette stitch (knitted rounds) will not show their color very much; whereas bands worked in reverse stockinette (purled rounds) will be the dominant color.

3 Variations:

- 1) Cast on 84 stitches
* Knit 8 rounds (7 rounds CC, 1 round MC)
Purl 12 rounds of Main Color *

Repeat between * two more times.

Decrease:

*Knit 10, K2tog, repeat from *
Knit one round even
*Knit 9, K2tog, repeat from *
Knit one round even
Continue decrease rows as above.

- 2) Cast on 70 stitches
* Knit 5 rounds (4 rounds CC; 1 round MC)
Purl 5 or 6 rounds of Main Color(s) *

Repeat between * 4 more times.

Decrease as above.

- 3) Knit using one color and add a flower to embellish

If you use a soft yarn, this makes a wonderful chemo hat.

