



Slightly Slouchy Slip Stitch Mosaic Hat and Beret

Materials

180 yards/165 m fingering weight yarn, solid color (A)

180 yards/165 m fingering weight yarn, variegated color (B)

Slightly Slouch Hat: grays/lavenders

Beret: black/bright multi

USE YARNS WITH HIGH DEGREE OF CONTRAST!

US #1/2. 5 mm, #2/3.00 mm, and #3/3.25 mm 16"/40 cm circular needles, US #3/3.25 mm doublepointed needles

Stitch markers

Gauge

32 sts = 4"/10 cm in pattern stitch before blocking

Abbreviations

k2tog, knit 2 together; YO, yarnover; rnd, round; rep, repeat; sl, slip; psso, pass slipped stitch over; DD, double decrease (sl 1, k2tog, psso); dpns, doublepointed needles; st/sts, stitch/stitches; rem, remain

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GENERAL NOTES—Please read first!

These hats are worked in two colors **A** and **B** using a slip-stitch technique that produces a Fair Isle-like effect, but with a difference: you use only one color per round. Slipping stitches from the previous round pulls the second color up, creating the two-color effect. **Note that stitches are always slipped purlwise, with the working yarn in back!**

Only odd-numbered rounds are charted, and the chart reads from right to left and bottom to top. The color of the round number at the beginning of each chart row tells you which yarn to use. To work the chart, if the number at the beginning of the chart is **blue**, simply knit the stitches that are shown in **blue** with yarn **A**, and slip the other stitches unworked. If the number at the beginning is **red**, knit the stitches that are shown in **red** with yarn **B** and slip the other stitches unworked. Even-numbered rounds are worked exactly as the odd-numbered round preceding, that is, knit the stitches that were knit in the previous round and slip the stitches that were slipped in the previous round. After each set of two rounds, you will change colors so that the working yarn becomes inactive and the inactive yarn becomes the working yarn. For example, you would work the following 8-stitch, 8-round chart as shown below:

Yarn **A** shown in **blue**
Yarn **B** shown in **red**

B	A	B	B	B	B	A	B	7
A	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	5
A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	3
A	A	A	B	A	A	A	B	1

Rnd 1: Beginning with yarn **A**, *slip 1, knit 3, slip 1, knit 3*; repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 2: As rnd 1.

Rnd 3: With **B**, *knit 2, slip 2, knit 2, slip 2*

Rnd 4: As rnd 3.

Rnd 5: With **A**, *knit 4, slip 2, knit 2*

Rnd 6: As rnd 5.

Rnd 7: With **B**, *knit 1, slip 1, knit 4, slip 1, knit 1*

Rnd 8: As rnd 7

Directions are given first for the Slightly Slouchy hat; directions for Beret are in parentheses.

With A and US #1 needle, cast on (136) 144 sts. (Hint: leave a yarn tail long enough to later tack the hem facing to the inside of the hat.) Join, place beginning-of-round marker, and knit plain for 1 ¾"/4.5 cm.

FOR STRAIGHT EDGE: purl one round

FOR PICOT EDGE: *k2tog, YO*

Change to US #2 needle, knit 2 rounds.

Join B. Knit one round with B, placing markers (in a different color than the beginning-of-round marker!) every 8 or 16 stitches to help you keep track of stitch repeats.

Begin mosaic chart (17 [18] reps). Work the 16-round mosaic chart 1.5 times (24 rounds total), then knit one round with B, removing all markers EXCEPT beginning-of-round marker.

MOSAIC CHART

B	B	B	A	B	B	B	A	15
A	B	A	A	B	B	A	A	13
A	B	A	B	B	B	A	B	11
A	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	9
B	A	B	B	B	A	B	B	7
B	A	A	B	A	A	A	B	5
B	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	3
B	B	A	A	A	B	A	A	1

Drop (don't cut) B. With A, work 4 rounds garter st (k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd, k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd), increasing 24 (32) sts evenly around on 3rd round—160 (176) stitches total.

Pick up B, change to #3 needle and knit 1 round with B, then resume mosaic chart (now over 20 [22] reps) beginning with round 1, again placing markers every 8 or 16 stitches to mark stitch repeats. Work in pattern for 4 complete reps (64 rounds), ending with B/round 16. With A, knit one round plain.

With B, knit 2 rounds plain. Change to A and work first decrease round:
knit 15, sl 1, k2tog, psso [DD], *knit 13, DD* all the way around, removing all markers EXCEPT beginning-of-round marker and adjusting placement of beginning-of-round marker to follow last DD—140 (154) sts rem. (Note that you will need to adjust placement of beginning-of-round marker at the end of every decrease round.) Work one round even with A.

Continue alternating B and A in 2-round stripes, working decrease round every THIRD round as follows and changing to dpns when necessary:

k12, DD, *k11, DD* -- 120 (132) sts rem
k10, DD, *k9, DD* --100 (110) sts rem
k8, DD, *k 7, DD* -- 80 (88) sts rem
k6, DD, *k5, DD* -- 60 (66) sts rem
k4, DD, *k3, *DD* -- 40 (44) sts rem
k2, DD, *k1, DD* -- 20 (22) sts rem

Knit 2 rounds even.

Next round: *k2tog* -- 10 (11) sts rem.

Next round: *k2tog* (*k2tog*, k1) – 5 (6) sts rem. Break yarns, leaving 8" tails. Thread tails through rem 5 (6) sts and pull tight. Weave in ends on inside of hat.

Turn the brim hem and tack facing to the inside of the hat using a tapestry needle and the yarn tail left over from the cast-on.

Blocking: Stretch hat over a plate or upended mixing bowl so that stitch pattern opens up. You want to stretch the sides and crown of the hat but NOT the brim edge. Spray the sides and crown with water until completely damp and leave in a warm place to dry. When the hat is completely dry remove the plate or bowl and enjoy!