

# Garter Stitch Hat

## Materials:

2 (or more) colors of yarn of approximately the same weight

totaling approx. 150 yards

16" circular needle in size to get specified gauge

Set of double pointed needles in same size

Stitch markers

Tapestry Needle



In Color1, cast on multiple of 4 stitches to give you hat size at knitting gauge using circular needle

Examples, for 22 inch hat:    4 stitches/inch X 22 in= 88 stitches (multiple of 4)  
    5 stitches/inch X 22 in = 110 (-2= 108, or +2=112, both multiples of 4)  
    5.5 stitches/inch X 22 in= 121 (-1=120, multiple of 4)

Join (being careful not to twist) ☺, and place marker before first stitch of round.

Purl 2 rounds in Color1.

Corrugated Ribbing:

K2 in Color1, P2 in Color2, repeat to end of round.

Work 8-10 rounds of corrugated ribbing.

Purl 2 rounds in Color1, increasing stitch count if necessary to achieve multiple of 6. (ie. 90, 96, 102, 108, 114, 120, 126)

Body:

Work garter stitch in the round (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) until hat measures 6 inches from cast on edge (or a little taller if you want a slouchy fit), alternating colors as desired, ending with a Purl round.

Protip: When changing colors, carry unused yarn up the inside to reduce number of loose ends.

Garter Stitch note: for distinct stripes, work two rounds (or multiples of 2, one complete garter ridge) of a color before switching. For more of a blended effect, change colors between garter ridges.

Crown:

Place 5 markers evenly around circumference of hat (total of six markers now including one at start of round)

Continue to work garter stitch, decreasing 1 stitch after each marker only on Knit rows until 6 stitches remain. (Switch to double pointed needles when too few stitches remain to work on circular needle)

Using tapestry needle, run working yarn through remaining stitches and pull snug.

Weave in loose ends.

Hand wash in warm water & dry flat, blocking to shape.