

# Pebbles

## Materials

### Needles:

3.75mm 16" circular or double pointed needles; 4.5mm 16" circular or double pointed needles; 4.5 or 4.0 mm double pointed needles

### Yarn:

Lang Yarns Tosca Jasper or other similar yarn. (Colour pictured is 663.0388). 2 skeins or approximately 180m

Tapestry needle for swing in ends

Balloon for blocking.



## Stitches

K: knit

P: purl

K2tog: knit 2 together.

Twisted ribbing: \*K1 into the back of the stitch, P1; repeat from \* till end of row.

M1: make 1 stitch by picking up yarn between stitches with left needle from the front and knitting through the back loop



### Notes:

The size of this hat is large (fits 23 inch head and larger). This is a loose fitting slouchy hat. If you would like to make it smaller, you can alter the pattern and cast on a fewer number of even stitches. During the increase round be sure to increase to an uneven number. When shaping the crown, take the number of stitches you have and find a number it is divisible by. For example, if you cast on 90 stitches and increased to 107 stitches. 107 is a prime number, but you can space out the decreases so that you K13, K2tog six times and then K15, K2tog in the first decrease round and then continue on in the next row with K12, K2tog (six times), K14, K2tog. And so on. If you follow the pattern as written it works out perfectly.

### Pattern

#### Rim:

Cast 100 stitches onto 3.75mm circular needles (or double pointed). I used the long tail method

Row 1: Twisted ribbing (K1 into back of stitch, P1; repeat to end)

Row 2: Continue twisted ribbing until it measures just over 1 inch

#### Body of Hat:

Row 3: (K1, P1) x2, \*M1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1\* (make sure you are knitting the M1) repeat from \* to \* until there is 1 stitch left. K1. There is now 119 stitches

Row 4: \*P1, K1\* repeat till end

Row 5: \*K1, P1\* repeat till end

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 until the hat measures between 8-9 inches from the cast on edge

Basically you are always knitting the purls and purling the knits.



### **Crown shaping**

As the decrease progress you will have to switch to double pointed needles to finish. Do so at your own discretion when there are too few stitches to work on the circular needles if you are using them. You can use either 4.5 or 4.0mm double pointed needles.

Row 6: K all stitches

Row 7: \*K15, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 8: \*K14, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 9: \*K13, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 10: \*K12, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 11: \*K11, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 12: \*K10, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 13: \*K9, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 14: \*K8, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 15: \*K7, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 16: \*K6, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 17: \*K5, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 18: \*K4, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 19: \*K3, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 20: \*K2, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 21: \*K1, K2tog\* repeat till end

Row 22: \*K2tog\* repeat till end

Cut yarn, leaving about 10 inches to tie off. Thread yarn into tapestry needle and loop through the remaining stitches (there should be 7). Remove from needles, pull the yarn tight to close the hole and weave in the yarn on the inside of the hat. Tie in the rest of the ends.

### **Blocking:**

Blocking is not necessary but the hat falls much nicer after it has been blocked. You can use any method you prefer, what follows is how I blocked the hat.

After thoroughly soaking and squeezing out excess water, I placed the hat around a half blown up balloon (do not tie the balloon yet). Once the hat is around the balloon, I blew the balloon up till it took up as much of the space in the body of the hat and then tied it off. Be careful to stretch out the rim too much. Try to keep the rim around the narrower part of the balloon. I smoothed out the hat over the balloon and let it sit and dry.

Enjoy!

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