



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand[®] LB Collection[®] Superwash Merino
Cat Hat
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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

Finished Circumference 16 in. (40.5 cm), will stretch to fit a range of sizes

CORRECTIONS: None as of Feb 27, 2015. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

MATERIALS

- 486-114 [Lion Brand LB Collection Superwash Merino Yarn: Cayenne](#)
1 Ball (A)

- 486-170 [Lion Brand LB Collection Superwash Merino Yarn: Dijon](#)
1 Ball (B)

- [Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 7](#)

- [Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 16 inches Size 7](#)

- [Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers](#)

- [Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)

- Additional Materials

Small amount of black yarn (C) and bright olive green yarn (D). Your yarn should be a weight similar to A and B.

Our sample used LB

COLLECTION® SUPERWASH

MERINO (Art. #486) in #153 Night Sky (C) and #174 Spring Leaf (D).

**LB Collection Superwash Merino (Article #486). 100% Superwash Merino Wool; package size: 3.50oz/100.00 gr. (306yds/280m) pull skeins*



GAUGE:

16 sts + 20 rnds = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st worked in rnds (k every rnd) with 2 strands of yarn held tog.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

[Making a Gauge Swatch](#)

STITCH EXPLANATION:

M1 (make 1) An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

skp Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 1, pass slip stitch over knit stitch and off needle – 1 st decreased.

w&t (wrap and turn):

W&t is a technique used to ensure that a small hole doesn't form at the end of a short row. How you work a w&t depends on whether you are doing a KNIT stitch or a PURL st. Follow the specific instructions below to work a w&tK (a wrap and turn for a KNIT st) or a w&tP (wrap and turn for a PURL st).

w&tK (for KNIT)

1. Bring the yarn between the needles to the front of the work (the front is the side that is facing you). Take care not to wrap the yarn over a needle, this would create a new st.
2. Slip the next st from the left hand needle to the right hand needle as if to purl.
3. Turn the work. After turning, the yarn will be in the back of the work.
4. Bring the yarn between the needles to the front of the work.
5. Slip the first st on left needle as if to purl, back onto right needle. You will now have one stitch on the right needle with a wrap of yarn around the base of the st.
6. Bring the yarn between the needles to the back of the work and continue with the row.
7. When you encounter the wrapped st on the next row, lift the wrap with the tip of your right hand needle and work it tog with the wrapped st.

w&tP (for PURL)

1. Bring the yarn between the needles to the back of the work (the back is the side that is facing away from you). Take care not to wrap the yarn over a needle, this would create a new st.
2. Slip the next st from the left hand needle to the right hand needle as if to purl.
3. Turn work. After turning, the yarn will be in the front of the work.
4. Bring the yarn between the needles to the back of the work.
5. Slip the first st on left needle as if to purl, back onto right needle. You will now have one stitch on the right needle with a wrap of yarn around the base of the st.
6. Bring the yarn between the needles to the front of the work and continue with the row.
7. When you encounter the wrapped st on the next row, lift the wrap with the tip of your right hand needle and work it tog with the wrapped st.

NOTES:

1. Hat is worked with 2 strands of yarn held together. Wind each color of yarn into 2 separate balls before beginning.
2. Earflaps are worked first, back and forth in rows on circular needle. Hat is then worked in rounds across top of Earflaps on circular needle, changing to double-pointed needles.
3. The Ear Flaps are shaped with short rows. Short rows are rows that are worked over a portion of the sts in a row, leaving the rem sts unworked. To work short rows, the pattern instructions will tell you to 'turn' before you reach the end of the row. Read carefully through the wrap & turn explanation at the beginning of the pattern before you work the short rows.
4. Ears, Eyes and Nose are worked separately on double-pointed needles, then sewed to Hat.

HAT

Earflaps

With circular needle and 2 strands of A held tog, cast on 44 sts.

Working back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working with straight needles, knit 1 row.

Short Row Shaping

Row 1 (RS): K19, w&tK.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12: Knit.

Row 3: K16, w&tK.

Row 5: K13, w&tK.

Row 7: K10, w&tK.

Row 9: K7, w&tK.

Row 11: K4, w&tK.

Row 13: Knit across all sts, picking up and knitting the wraps tog with the wrapped st.

Row 14 (WS): P19, w&tP.

Rows 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25: Purl.

Row 16: P16, w&tP.

Row 18: P13, w&tP.

Row 20: P10, w&tP.

Row 22: P7, w&tP.

Row 24: P4, w&tP.

Row 26: Purl across all sts, picking up and purling the wraps tog with the wrapped st.

Shape Hat

Next Row (RS): Knit across all sts of Earflaps (this will become the back of the Hat), then cast on 20 sts for front of Hat – 64 sts at the end of this row.

Place marker for beg of rnd.

Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Purl 1 rnd.

Cut 1 strand of A and join 1 strand of B.

With 1 strand each of A and B held tog, work in St st worked in rnds (k every rnd) until Hat measures about 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) above cast-on sts for front of Hat.

Next Rnd: Knit, changing to double-pointed needles (dpns) as follows: With first dpn, k16 sts from circular needle, rep with second, third and fourth dpn, then slip beg of rnd marker onto first dpn. **Note:** To keep the marker from slipping off the dpn, move the marker over 1 st so that it's between the first and 2nd st of the first needle.

Shape Crown (top of Hat)

Decrease Rnd 1: (K6, k2tog) 8 times – 56 sts at the end of this rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 2: (K5, k2tog) 8 times – 48 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 3: (K4, k2tog) 8 times – 40 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 4: (K3, k2tog) 8 times – 32 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 5: (K2, k2tog) 8 times – 24 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 6: (K1, k2tog) 8 times – 16 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease Rnd 7: (K2tog) 8 times – 8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread yarn tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot securely.

EARS (make 2)

With 2 dpn and 2 strands of A held tog, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: Sl 1, (k1, yo, k1) in next st, p1 – 5 sts.

Rows 2-5: Sl 1, M1, k to last st, p1 – 9 sts at the end of Row 5.

Rows 6-13: Knit.

Change to 2 strands of B held tog. Cut A.

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: Purl.

Row 16: Sl 1, skp, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, p1 – 7 sts.

Rows 17 and 18: Rep Rows 15 and 16 – 5 sts at the end of Row 18.

Row 19: Purl.

Row 20: Sl 1, k3tog, p1 – 3 sts.

Row 21: K3tog – 1 st rem.

Fasten off.

EYES (make 2)

With 2 dpn and 1 strand of C, cast on 3 sts.

Knit 3 sts. Do not turn work. *Slide sts to other end of needle and knit them, pulling yarn tightly across the back of the work, (do not turn work); rep from * for 6 rows.

Change to 1 strand of D and rep from * for 12 more rows.

Change to 1 strand of C and rep from * for 6 more rows.

Bind off.

Fold cord into a loop, pinching D sections together to make Eye and lining up C sections to make eyebrows.

NOSE

With 2 dpn and 2 strands of A held tog, cast on 3 sts.

Work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 2 rows.

Row 3 (RS): Sl 1, (k1, yo, k1) in next st, p1 – 5 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Sl 1, k1, (k1, yo, k1) in next st, k1, p1 – 7 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew Ears to top of Hat. Sew Nose centered above cast-on sts for front of Hat, having base of Nose even with edge. Sew Eyes on front of Hat above Nose. With C, embroider straight st whiskers on each side of Nose. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click for explanation and illustration	
beg = begin(s)(ning)	dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)
k = knit	k2tog = knit 2 together
k3tog = knit 3 together	p = purl
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
sl = slip	St st = Stockinette stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side
yo = yarn over	

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