



Free Knitting Pattern

LION BRAND® LB COLLECTION® SUPERWASH MERINO

FROG HAT

Pattern Number: L20029 SWM



SKILL LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

SIZES

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

MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® LB COLLECTION® SUPERWASH MERINO (Art. #486)
#174 Spring Leaf 1 ball (A)
or color of your choice
- LION BRAND® double-pointed knitting needles size 7 (4.5 mm),
set of 5
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 7 (4.5 mm), 16 in. (40.5 cm) long

Small amount of dark red yarn (B) and mustard gold yarn (C).

If your yarn is a weight similar to A, use a double strand of your yarn.

If your yarn is a heavier weight than A, use a single strand of your yarn.

Our sample used LB COLLECTION® SUPERWASH MERINO
(Art. #486) in #114 *Cayenne* (B) and #170 *Dijon* (C).

GAUGE

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

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

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. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. (10 cm) square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

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 A held together. Wind A 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. Eyes 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 to create a ridge.

Work in St st worked in the rnd (k every rnd) until piece measures about 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) above purl ridge.

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.

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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.

OUTER EYES (make 2)

With 2 dpn and 2 strands of A held tog, cast on 8 sts.

Rows 1-7: Knit.

Row 8: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1 – 6 sts.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: K1, (k2tog) twice, k1 – 4 sts.

Bind off.

INNER EYES (make 2)

With 2 dpn and 2 strands of C held tog, cast on 6 sts.

Beg with a RS (k) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 4 rows.

Next Row (RS): K1, skp, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts.

Next Row: P2tog, p2tog through back loops – 2 sts.

Next Row: K2tog, fasten off.

FINISHING

Mouth

From RS with circular needle and 2 strands of A held tog, pick up and k20 sts along cast-on sts of front of Hat.

Beg with a RS (k) row, work in St st for 4 rows.

Decrease Row: K1, skp, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 18 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Rep Decrease Row – 16 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times – 8 sts when all decreases have been completed.

Bind off.

Note: The RS of the mouth is the knit side of the St st rows. The RS of the mouth will show when it's folded up against the Hat, after the edging is worked.

Mouth Edging

From RS with circular needle and 2 strands of B held tog, pick up and k28 sts evenly spaced around shaped edge of nose.

Without working any rows, bind off.

Fold mouth up against Hat and sew in place.

Sew an Inner Eye to each Outer Eye. Sew Eyes to Hat.

Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)

dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

p = purl

p2tog = purl 2 together

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

tog = together

WS = wrong side

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