

Ninna-beret

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Ninna-beret is designed as a springtime hat for a little girl and Ninna is this little girl's nickname. The little girl is very proud of her new hat and she has received lots of kind smiles and admiration from people.

Materials:

Magic (75 % superwash wool, 25 % polyamid; 100 g / 420 m), 100 g rosa/pink (2310)

Magic (75 % superwash wool, 25 % polyamid; 100 g / 420 m), 5 g white (2301)

Magic (75 % superwash wool, 25 % polyamid; 100 g / 420 m), 5 g green (2309)

2.25 mm / 1 US circular needle or size needed to obtain the correct gauge.

Elastic (with button holes) 1 cm / 1/2 in. wide. Approx. 52-56 cm / 20 1/2-22 in.

1 button

Needle and thread

Stretchy, knit cotton for lining



Gauge:

28 sts and 44 rows in stockinette stitch = 10 cm

Size:

Head circumference approximately 50 [54] cm / 19 1/2 [21 1/4] in. The size is easy to adjust with the elastic. A bigger hat than head is easier to adjust with the elastic.

Instructions

Cast on 136 [144] stitches with the pink yarn and join to work in the round. Knit rib stitch (k1, p1) for 4 [5] cm / 1 1/2 [2] in.

Continue in stockinette stitch and join every other stitch to the first row yarn loop (you can lift a yarn loop from the very first row to the needle and knit it together with the next stitch). This will create an alley for the elastic band. Knit the last three stitches without any joining to get a hole to adjust the band.

Start to add stitches after every 17 [18] stitches by picking up and knitting into the back of a loop from the previous row of stitches (8 new stitches per row). Add stitches on every other row always just before the last added stitch. Stitch markers might be helpful. Continue for 5 [6] cm / 2 [2 1/4] in.

Start decreasing on every other row by knitting two stitches together just before the added stitches (on the next rows just before last decreases). There will be 8 decreases per row. When there are 32 stitches left, continue with decreases on every row. When there are 8 stitches left, knit two together until you have 4 stitches. Knit i-cord 2 cm / 1 in and cast off.

Dampen the beret and let it air dry. You can also iron a fold around the widest point around the beret.



Roses and Leaves

Cast on 30 stitches with white yarn.

1st Row: Knit.

Next Row: Knit 23 stitches, turn (pull the turned stitch tightly so that it will form two yarn loops on the needle).

Next Row: Knit (there is only 22 stitches to knit)

Next Row: Knit. Remember knitting the two yarn loops together as one stitch.

Break yarn and pull end through all stitches. Roll the piece so that the narrow end will stay inside and the wider end remains outside the roll. Tighten the yarns and tie a knot. Do not cut off the ends as they will be used to stitch the roses onto the hat.

Make two more roses.

Leaves

Cast on 3 stitches with green yarn.

Knit garter stitch for 1.5-2 cm / 3/4-1 in.

Sk2p, turn and knit one. Break yarn and guide the yarn down the side of the leaf next to the cast on end, tie a knot and leave the ends for stitching the leaf onto the hat.

Make two more leaves.



Finishing

Sew the roses and leaves onto the front of the beret between the stockinette and ribbing. Weave in the ends on the wrong side. Sew the button to the elastic and guide the band through the alley, tighten to fit.

Hints

You can use almost any fingering / 4 ply weight yarn; just adjust the needles to maintain the gauge. The beret with elastic is easy to adjust to fit even if it isn't exactly the same size as the pattern.

You can also sew a lining, if desired, for increased warmth. Use a soft, stretchy cotton. Sew it to fit the shape of the hat and hand sew it inside the beret.

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