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GORGEOUSLY SOFT HAT IN delicate AND FRIENDLY FRAYA – PERFECT FOR THOSE BAD HAIR DAYS! THE HAT IS WORKED IN THE ROUND FROM THE BOTTOM UP IN WIDE RIB AND WITH DECREASES THAT ARE HIDDEN AWAY IN THE LITTLE CABLES ON THE CROWN. FINISH AT THE CROWN AND FOLD THE BRIM – AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU HAVE A HOME MADE HAT TO WEAR ON COLD BIKE RIDES. THE PERFECT PROJECT FOR THE INTERMEDIATE KNITTER – FAIRLY SIMPLE EVEN WITH THE DE-CREASES, AS THE HAT ITSELF IS WORKED IN STRAIGHT FORWARD RIB.



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ABBREVIATIONS:

st(s)	= stitch(es)
k	= knit
р	= purl
tbl	= through the back loop
tog	= together

GAUGE

In rib [k2, p2] on a UK size 10½ [3½ mm] needle: 29 sts x 34 rounds = 10 cm x 10 cm For the best result, make sure to achieve the right gauge as indicated above. Try using bigger or smaller needles if your gauge swatch does not meet the right measurements. Remember that if your gauge is not correct, the size of your garment will be either too big or too small and, furthermore, you may use too much or too little yarn.

Note: The first row is worked flat and not in the round; the work in not joined to worked in the round until the second round, to make the edge of the hat look neater.

PATTERN:

Cast on 128 (128) 128 sts with 1 strand of Delicate Fraya and 1 strand of Friendly on a UK size $10\frac{1}{2}$ ($3\frac{1}{2}$ mm), 40 cm circular needle.

Work the first row flat, and not in the round. Work as follows:

k1, p2, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Now work in the round in rib at the sts present (knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts) until the work measures approx. 24 (26) 28 cm. Now divide the work with stitch markers, so the decreases are easy to work, as follows:

Keep marker for beginning of round, work 7 sts in rib, place marker, work 50 sts in rib, place marker, work 7 sts in rib, place marker, work 7 sts in rib, place marker, work 50 sts in rib, place marker, work the last 7 sts in rib.

Work decreases as follows:

Round 1: Work in rib to first marker, *slip the next 4 sts to a cable needle and hold to back of work, k2, work sts on cable needles as follows: P2tog, p2tog, work in rib to the last 6 sts before marker, slip the next 2 sts to a cable needle and hold to front of work, work the next 4 sts on the needle as follows: P2tog, p2tog, knit the sts from the cable needle*, repeat from * to * once more on the second half of the hat.

Round 2: *Work in rib to marker, k2, p2tog twice, work to 6 sts before marker, p2tog twice, k2, slip marker, work in rib to next marker*, repeat from * to * once more on the second half of the hat. There are now 112 sts on the needle.

Work 6 rounds in rib.

Repeat Round 1-6 twice more. There are now 80 sts left on the needle.

Now work decreases as follows:

Nest round: K1, *p2tog, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, P3tog. There are now 40 sts. **Nest round:** K1, *k3tog tbl *, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 14 sts. Break the yarn and pull it through the remaining sts on the needle. Weave in the end well. SIZES S (M) L

MEASUREMENTS

Head circumference: 54-56 (56-58) 58-60 cm

YARN

Delicate Fraya 100% Merino Wool extra fine 50 g = 175 m

Friendly Fraya 70% Super Kid Mohair + 30% Silk 25 g = 210 m

YARDAGE Delicate Fraya 50 (100) 100 q

Friendly Fraya 25 (25) 50 g

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SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

Circular needle UK size 10½ (3½ mm), 40 cm and double-pointed needles UK size 10½ (3½ mm).

Please note: The needle sizes given above are only suggestions. The size of the needles you need depends on your personal gauge. If you knit firmly you might need a large needle size, if you knit loosely you might need a smaller needle size.

NOTIONS

Stitch marker, cable needle

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