

Beaver Hat

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Materials:

1 skein Cascade 220, brown, colour 8013
oddments Cascade 220, charcoal grey, colour 4002
oddments Cascade 220, white, colour 8505
2 ½" shiny raised black buttons for eyes
1 1" flat black button for nose

Hat: Work body of hat in brown, colour 8013. Use Pad Pattern EPA10-01 Basic Flap Hat

Ears: Make 2. With charcoal, cast on 13 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above 2 rows 7 more times.

Decrease row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Decrease row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows twice more, to 7 sts.

Increase row 1 (RS): K1, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k1.

Increase row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows twice more, to 13 sts.

Work 16 rows even. Cast off.

Tail: Make 2. With charcoal, cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above 2 rows twice more.

Increase row 1 (RS): K1, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k1.

Increase row 2 (WS): Purl.

Rep the above two rows once more, to 19 sts.

Decrease row 1 (RS): Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Decrease row 2 (WS): P2tog tbl, p to last 2 sts, p2tog.

(Note: if you're struggling with p2tog tbl, just work p2tog instead.)

Repeat the above two rows 3 times more, and Row 1 once more, to 9 sts. Cast off.

Snout: With brown, cast on 9 sts.

Increase row 1 (RS): K1, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k1.

Increase row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows twice more, to 15 sts.

Work 2 rows even in stocking stitch.

Decrease row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Decrease row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows twice more, to 9 sts. Cast off.

Teeth: Make 2. With white, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1 (RS): (K1, p1) 3 times, k1.

Row 2 (WS): (P1, k1) 3 times, p1.

Repeat the above two rows until piece measures 5cm/2 inches, ending with a WS row. Cast off.

Eyes: Make 2. With white, cast on 5 sts.

Increase row 1 (RS): K1, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k1.

Increase row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows four times more, to 15 sts.

Work 2 rows even in stocking stitch.

Decrease row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Decrease row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the above two rows four times more, to 9 sts. Cast off, leaving a 8" tail.

Finishing:

With WS tog, seam tail pieces tog. Sew tail to centre back of hat, just above i-cord edging.

Fold ears along short edge of narrowest point & seam sides & lower edges together. Sew lower edges of ears to either side of head, about ½" down from top.

Sew snout onto centre front of hat, about 1" up from i-cord edging. Start with sides & top; sew teeth to lower edge of snout so that they protrude about ½" below i-cord edge, then sew down lower edge of snout.

Thread yarn tail onto darning needle & run through edge of eye piece; pull to gather & form a roughly spherical shape. Stuff with yarn scraps or stuffing & sew on either side of upper edge of snout, about 1 ½" apart. See photo for guide.

Sew eye buttons in centre of eye pieces & nose button in centre of snout.