

Fraternal

Knit two mismatched hats from two contrasting balls of self-striping yarn, each with it's own character. One size fits most adults, but you can easily adjust the size by multiples of 4 stitches for the cast on.

Needles: 16" US 7 & 8 needles, & US8 DPNs (or size needed to obtain gauge and one size smaller)

Yarn: 2 balls Fortezza (worsted weight; acrylic/wool blend; 135 yards/50 grams).
Each hat weighs approximately 39 grams.

Gauge: 18 sts and 25 rows per 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch on larger needle.
Save time and check gauge.

Other notions: stitch marker, tapestry needle

Finished size: 18" wide, 8 1/2" tall. Fits average size (22") adult head.



Corrugated Rib pattern:

Knit 2 stitches with Color A, Purl 2 stitches with Color B.

Pattern Instructions:

Using smaller needles, cast on 92 stitches with Color A and join to work in the round, placing stitch marker to mark beginning of round.

Knit one row in Color A.

Adding Color B, begin Corrugated Rib pattern (see above). Work corrugated rib for 7-8 rows, until piece measures approximately 1 1/2" from cast on edge.

Switch to larger circular needle and begin jogless stripes:

row 1: Knit all stitches with Color A

row 2: Slip first stitch purlwise, then knit all sts with Color A

row 3: Knit all sts with Color B

row 4: Slip first stitch purlwise, then knit all sts with Color B

Continue stripes until hat measures 6 1/2" from cast on edge (or 2" less than desired height), ending with 2nd row of Color B. Cut Color B, leaving an 8" tail for weaving in the end.

Continuing with Color A:

row 1: Knit one round

row 2: slip one stitch purlwise, k2tog, knit about half of the stitches, k2tog, knit to end. (90 sts)
(or decrease as necessary to arrive at a multiple of 6 stitches, if you have changed the cast on amount)

Begin decreasing for crown of hat, switching to DPNs when there are too few stitches to work comfortably on the circular needle:

row 1: K 4, k2tog

row 2: knit all

Continue as established, knitting one fewer stitch in row 1 (K3, k2tog; K2, k2tog; etc), and knitting all stitches in row 2 until approximately 8 stitches remain.

Cut Color A, leaving an 8" tail. Using a tapestry needle, draw the yarn tail through the remaining live stitches and pull to close up the top of the hat. Weave in all ends.