



Rainbow Hat

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The yarn is self-striping, so takes all the effort of changing colour vanish. The cable adds texture to this unisex hat. There is sufficient yarn to make a bobble.

Materials

West Yorkshire Spinners, ColourLab Yarn DK, 100% wool, 225m (246yd) per 100g (3½oz) ball. Technicolour (891) 1 ball

Equipment

1 pair of 3.75mm (US 5) knitting needles
1 pair 4.5mm (US 7) knitting needles
1 medium cable needle
Tapestry needle

Optional: Pompom maker diameter, 9cm

Tension

22 sts x 30 rows over stocking stitch to measure 10cm (4in) using 4.5mm (US 7) needles.

Special Abbreviations

Ktbl: Knit through back of stitch

M1: Knit (purl) the loop between two sts -this makes 1 extra stitch.

TR5: slip next 4 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back of work, K1 from left-hand needle, then P3, K1 from cable needle.



Size

To fit an adult medium-sized head.

Hat instructions

Using **3.75mm (US 5) needles**, cast on 102 sts.

For cable cast on only.

NEXT ROW: Ktbl to end of row to form a neat edge.

Brim

For all cast ons.

ROW 1 (RS): *K1, P1; repeat from * to end.

This sets the rib pattern.

Repeat the last row until work measures 7.5cm (3in) ending on a RS row.

Working in rib pattern set:

NEXT ROW (WS): *Rib 6, M1; repeat to last 12 sts, rib 12 sts.
(117 sts)

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Change to **4.5mm (US 7)** needles.

ROW 1(RS): *P2, T5R, P2; repeat from * to end.
This sets the spacing for the cable pattern.

ROW 2: *K2, P1, K3, P1, K2; repeat from * to end.

ROW 3: * P2, K1, P3, K1, P2; repeat from * to end.

ROWS 4-6: Rep Rows 2-3 once more the Row 2 again.

Rows 1-6 form the cable pattern

Continue in 6-row cable stitch pattern until piece measures 15cm (6in) from start of 6-row pattern ending with a Row 2 of pattern.

Decreasing for Crown

ROW 1 (RS): P2, K1, P3, K1, P1, P2tog, *P1, K1, P3, K1, P1, P2tog; repeat from * to last 8 sts, P1, K1, P3, K1, P2.
(105 sts)

ROW 2: K2, P1, K3, P1, *K3, P1; repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

ROW 3: P2, K1, P3, K1, P1, * P2tog, K1, P3, K1, P1; repeat from * to last st, P1. (93 sts)

ROW 4: K2, * P1, K3, P1, K2; repeat from * to end.

ROW 5: *P2tog, T5R; repeat from * to last 2 sts, P2tog.
(79 sts)

ROW 6: *K1, P1, K3, P1; repeat from * to last st K1.

ROW 7: P1, K1, *P2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1; repeat from * to last 5 sts, P2tog, P1, K1, P1. (66 sts)

ROW 8: *K1, P1, K2, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.

ROW 9: *P1, K1, P2tog, K1; repeat from * to last st, P1.
(53 sts)

ROW 10: K1, *P1, K1, P1, K1; repeat from * to end.

ROW 11: P1, *K2tog, K1, P1; repeat from * to end. (40 sts)

ROW 12: *K1, P2; repeat from * to last st, K1.

ROW 13: *P1, K2tog; repeat from * to last st, P1. (27 sts)

ROW 14: *K1, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.

ROW 15: *K2tog; repeat from * to last st, K1. (14 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Thread tail through remaining sts and pull tightly to secure.

Sew up side seam.

Weave in all loose ends and block work.

Optional: Make a large pompom to go on top of the hat.



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