

Kate Heppell's

"Simple as it comes" beret



This is a great little project for a beginner - you only need to know how to knit, purl, increase and decrease.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all.



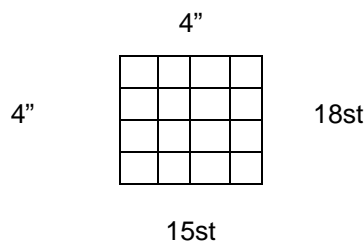
You'll need:

Approx ¼ of a skien of James C Brett Marble Chunky or equivalent.

A pair of straight 6mm needles.

A tapestry needle for sewing up.

Guage:



Instructions:

Cast on 40 stitches loosely – preferably using the cable cast-on method.

Rows 1-4: 1-stitch ribbing (k1, p1 etc.)

Row 5: knit

Row 6: p2, m1, p4, m1, p4, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 50 stitches)

Row 7: knit

Row 8: p3, m1, p5, m1, p5, m1, p5, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 60 stitches)

Row 9: knit

Row 10: p3, m1, p6, m1, p6, m1, p6, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 70 stitches)

Row 11: knit

Row 12: p4, m1, p7, m1, p7, m1, p7, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 80 stitches)

Row 13: knit

Row 14: p4, m1, p8, m1, p8, m1, p8, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 90 stitches)

Row 15: knit

Row 16: p5, m1, p9, m1, p9, m1, p9, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 100 stitches)

Row 17: knit
Row 18: p5, m1, p10, m1, p10, m1, p10, m1 etc. (total of 10 increases, you end up with 110 stitches)
Row 19: knit
Row 20: purl
Row 21: knit
Row 22: purl
Row 23: knit
Row 24: p5, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p10, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 100 stitches)
Row 25: knit
Row 26: p5, p2tog, p9, p2tog, p9, p2tog, p9, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 90 stitches)
Row 26: knit
Row 27: p4, p2tog, p8, p2tog, p8, p2tog, p8, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 80 stitches)
Row 28: knit
Row 29: p4, p2tog, p7, p2tog, p7, p2tog, p7, p2tog e etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 70 stitches)
Row 30: knit
Row 31: p3, p2tog, p6, p2tog, p6, p2tog, p6, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 60 stitches)
Row 32: knit
Row 33: p3, p2tog, p5, p2tog, p5, p2tog, p5, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 50 stitches)
Row 34: knit
Row 35: p2, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p4, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 40 stitches)
Row 36: knit
Row 37: p2, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p3, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 30 stitches)
Row 38: knit
Row 39: p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p2, p2tog etc. (total of 10 decreases, you end up with 20 stitches)
Row 40: knit
Row 41: p2tog along the row (you end up with 10 stitches)
Row 42: k2tog along the row (ending up with 5 stitches)

Finally, cut off your yarn and thread it through the loops that are left on the needle, then you can sew up the edge.

Notes:

M1 = make one

P2tog = purl two together

K2tog = knit two stitches together

If your hat comes out a bit wonky for whatever reason, try blocking it stretched over a dinnerplate.

James C Brett Marble Chunky is ideal for this hat as the colour changes are in just the right place and it's also one of the nicest-feeling acrylics I've ever used so it's soft and warm as well as being easily washable. That said, if you want to substitute, go for a nice chunky aran or double up with two balls of DK.

This was worked out by me to fit me and fits a head circumference of an average adult – about 20"-25".