

Button Beanie

Materials:

2 x 50g balls aran (10-ply) yarn (wool and alpaca blend) – tweedy brown

Assorted vintage buttons – 1 large 35mm (1³/₈in),
10 medium 18mm (¾in), 10 small 11mm (⅞in)

Sewing thread

Needles:

5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle

Tension:

15 sts and 22 rows to 10cm (4in), using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles and aran yarn, measured over stocking stitch

Measurements and sizes:

To fit an average female adult head

Instructions:

Band

Using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) needles and aran yarn, cast on 13 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 101 rows in stocking stitch (1 row purl, 1 row plain).

Cast off.

Crown

Using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) needles and aran yarn, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: inc1, k4, inc1 (8 sts).

Row 2: inc1, k6, inc1 (10 sts).

Row 3: inc1, k8, inc1 (12 sts).

Row 4: inc1, k10, inc1 (14 sts).

Row 5: knit.

Row 6: inc1, k to last st, inc1.

Rep rows 5 and 6 twice more (20 sts).

Knit 18 rows.

Row 29: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 30: knit.

Rep rows 29 and 30 twice more (14 sts).

Row 35: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Rep row 35 three times (6 sts). Cast off.

Brim

Using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) needles and aran yarn, cast on 18 sts.

Rows 1–4: knit.

Row 5: k15; turn.

Row 6: knit.

Rep rows 1–6 until shorter edge of the brim is the same length as the band.

Cast off.

Making up

Stitch the cast-on and cast-off edges of the band together to form a ring, then stitch one edge to the crown. Pin the right side of the brim to the wrong side of the band, easing it slightly to fit, then stitch it in place. Fold the brim in half, attaching the edge to the seam at intervals, to hold it in place.

Stitch the large button to the band, on the side opposite the seam, placing it centrally, then stitch the medium buttons in a circle around the large button, and the small buttons around the edges.



Note:

It is important to check your tension. If you work to the stated tension, the garter stitch crown will measure 12.5cm (5in) in diameter.

Cute as a Button

When working short rows (as on the brim), for a neat finish, knit the number of stitches stated then, before turning, bring the yarn to the front of your work, slip the next stitch purlwise, take the yarn back and slip the stitch back on to the left-hand needle.



Rainbow Beanie

Materials:

Approx 10–15g 4-ply (fingering) yarn (100% wool) in each of the following colours: blue, pale blue, turquoise, pale green, yellow, orange, red, pink, plum and violet

Needles:

2.75mm (UK 12; US 2) knitting needles

3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Tapestry needle

Tension:

28 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in), using 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles, measured over stocking stitch.

Measurements and sizes:

To fit a child aged 5–young teen

Instructions:

Using 2.75mm needles and blue yarn, cast on 126 sts.

Row 1: (k1, p1) to end, k1.

Rep row 1 five times.

Row 7: * k3, m1, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3 (168 sts).

Row 8: purl.

Change to 3.25mm needles and pale blue.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut pale blue and join in turquoise.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut turquoise and join in pale green.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut pale green and join in yellow.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut yellow and join in orange.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut orange and join in red.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut red and join in pink.

Beg with a k row, work in stocking stitch for 6 rows; cut pink and join in plum.

Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in stocking stitch.

Row 55: (k12, k2tog) 12 times (156 sts).

Row 56 and each even-numbered row: purl.

Row 57: (k11, k2tog) 12 times (144 sts).



Row 59: using violet, (k10, k2tog) 12 times (132 sts).

Row 61: (k9, k2tog) 12 times (120 sts).

Row 63 (k8, k2tog) 12 times (108 sts).

Row 65: using blue, (k7, k2tog) 12 times (96 sts).

Row 67: (k6, k2tog) 12 times (84 sts).

Row 69: (k5, k2tog) 12 times (72 sts).

Row 71: using pale blue, (k4, k2tog) 12 times (60 sts).

Row 73: (k3, k2tog) 12 times (48 sts).

Row 75: (k2, k2tog) 12 times (36 sts).

Row 77: using turquoise, (k1, k2tog) 12 times (24 sts).

Row 79: (k2tog) 12 times (12 sts).

Row 80: (p2tog) 6 times.

Cut yarn and thread tail through rem 6 sts.

Pompom

Using spare yarn in several colours, make a pompom following the instructions on page 6.

Making up

Pull up the tail of yarn at the crown and secure with a few stitches. With right sides together and using the tails of yarn, stitch up the back seam in backstitch; turn right sides out. Use any leftover yarn to make a multicoloured pompom and stitch it to the centre of the crown.

Bow Beanie

Materials:

2 x 50g balls double-knitting (8-ply) yarn
(100% alpaca) – pink

Needles:

3.75mm (UK 9; US 5) knitting needles
Tapestry needle

Tension:

30 sts and 29 rows to 10cm (4in),
measured over rib pattern, using
3.75mm (UK 9; US 5) knitting needles,
(measured without stretching).

Measurements and sizes:

To fit an average adult female head



Instructions:

Band

Using 3.75mm needles and alpaca double-knitting yarn, cast on 30 sts.
Row 1 (WS): (p3, k3) 5 times.
Rep row 1 160 times.
Cast off, leaving 1 st on needle; do not cut the yarn.

Crown

With RS facing, pick up and knit 126 sts along the long edge of the band, inc. st. on needle.
Row 1 (WS): (p3, k3) 21 times.
Rep row 1 17 times.
Row 19: (p3, p2tog, p1) 21 times (105 sts).
Row 20: (p2, k3) 21 times.
Row 21: (p3, k2) 21 times.
Row 22: (p2, k3) 21 times.
Row 23: (p3, p2tog) 21 times (84 sts).
Row 24: (p1, k3) 21 times.
Row 25: (p3, k1) 21 times.
Row 26: (p1, k3) 21 times.
Row 27: (p3, k1) 21 times.
Row 28: k1, (sl1, k2tog, pssso, k5) 10 times, sl1, k2tog, pssso (62 sts).
Row 29: purl.
Row 30: k1, (sl1, k2tog, pssso, k3) 10 times, p1 (42 sts).
Row 31: purl.
Row 32: k1, (sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1) 10 times, p1

(22 sts).

Row 33: purl.

Row 34: k1, (k2tog) 10 times, k1 (12 sts).

Row 35: (p2tog) 6 times.

Cut yarn and thread tail through rem 6 sts.

Bow

Using 3.75mm needles and alpaca double-knitting yarn, cast on 21 sts.
Row 1 (RS): (k3, p3) 3 times, k3.
Row 2: (p3, k3) 3 times, p3.
Rep rows 1 and 2 48 times.
Cast off.

Centre

Cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (RS): knit.
Row 2: purl.
Rep rows 1 and 2 24 times.
Cast off.

Making up

Pull up the tail of yarn to gather the stitches on top of the crown and secure then, with right sides together and using the tail of yarn, stitch up the seam in backstitch. On the band, pull up the stitches of the seam to gather the short ends together.

Stitch the short ends of the bow together, then wrap the centre piece around the join. Stitch the bow to the band, lining up the centre of the bow with the gathered part of the band.

Pigtails Beanie



Materials:

2 x 50g balls aran (10-ply) yarn (merino, silk and cashmere blend) – pink

Small amount of aran (10-ply) yarn (merino, silk and cashmere blend) – ivory

Needles:

5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles

Four 4mm (UK8; US6) double-pointed knitting needles

Tapestry needle

Tension:

19 sts and 27 rows to 10cm (4in), using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles, measured over stocking stitch.

Instructions:

Right ear flap

Using 5mm needles and aran yarn, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1: p1, k1, p1, k3, p1, k1, p1.

Row 2: k1, p1, k1, p3, k1, p1, k1.

Row 3: p1, k1, p1, m1, (k1, m1) 3 times, p1, k1, p1 (13 sts).

Row 4: k1, m1, p1, k2, p5, k2, p1, m1, k1 (15 sts).

Row 5: p2, k1, p2, k1, (m1, k1) 4 times, p2, k1, p2 (19 sts).

Row 6: k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2.

Row 7: p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2.

Rep rows 6 and 7 four times more.

Row 16: cast on 12 sts, p12, k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2 (31 sts).

Row 17: p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, k to end.

Row 18: p12, k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2.

Rep rows 17 and 18 four times more, then cut yarn and leave sts on a holder.

Left ear flap

Follow instructions for right ear flap to row 7, rep rows 6 and 7 three more times, rep row 6.

Row 15: cast on 12 sts, k12, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2 (31 sts).

Row 16: k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2, p12.

Row 17: k12, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2.

Measurements and sizes:

To fit an average female teen or adult head

Rep rows 16 and 17 four times more, then row 16 once more.

Next row: k12, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, cast on 63 sts, then working from sts on holder for right ear flap, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, k to end (125 sts).

Next row: p12, k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2, p22, k2, p1, k2, p9, k2, p1, k2, p to end.

Next row: k12, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, k22, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, k22, p2, k1, p2, k9, p2, k1, p2, k to end.

Rep the last 2 rows 12 times more.

Crown shaping

Row 1: k10, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k18, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (119 sts).

Row 2: purl.

Row 3: k9, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k16, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (113 sts).

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: k8, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k14, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (107 sts).

Row 6: purl.

Row 7: k7, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k12, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (101 sts).

Row 8: purl.

Row 9: k6, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k10, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (95 sts).

Row 10: p5, p2tog tbl, (k19, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl) twice, k19, p2tog, p to end (89 sts).
 Row 11: k4, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (83 sts).
 Row 12: p3, p2tog tbl, (k19, p2tog, p4, p2tog tbl) twice, k19, p2tog, p to end (77 sts).
 Row 13: k2, k2tog, (k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog) twice, k19, sl1, k1, pssso, k to end (71 sts).
 Row 14: p1, p2tog tbl, (k19, p2tog, p2tog tbl) twice, k19, p2tog, p to end (65 sts).
 Row 15: k2tog, *k19, k2tog, rep from * twice more (61 sts).
 Row 16: p3tog, p16, p3tog, p17, p3tog, p16, p3tog (53 sts)
 Row 17: k2tog, k14, sl1, k1, pssso, k7, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k7, sl1, k1, pssso, k14, k2tog, (47 sts)
 Row 18: p2tog, (p3, p2tog) 9 times (37 sts)
 Row 19: (k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso) 9 times, k1 (19 sts)

Row 20: (p3tog) 6 times, p1.
 Cut yarn and thread through rem 7 sts.

Cut yarn and thread tail through rem 22 sts.

Making up and border

Stitch up the back seam. With right sides facing and using two pairs of 4mm needles, starting at the centre back, pick up and knit 11 sts along the right back edge, 11 sts down the side of the ear flap, 3 sts from the cast-on edge of the ear flap, 18 sts up from the edge of the ear flap, 60 sts across front, 18 sts down the edge of the left ear flap, 3 sts along the cast-on edge of the ear flap, 11 sts up the back edge of the ear flap, 11 sts along the back edge to the centre (146 sts).

Round 1: (k1, p1) to end.

Round 2: (k1, p1) 11 times, k1 (p1, k1, p1) in next st, (k1, p1) 9 times, sl1, k2tog, pssso, p1, (k1, p1) 28 times, sl1, k2tog, pssso, (p1, k1) 9 times, (p1, k1, p1) in next st, (k1, p1) 11 times.
 Round 3: (k1, p1) to end.
 Round 4: (k1, p1) 12 times, (k1, p1, k1) in next st, (p1, k1) 9 times, p3tog, k1, (p1, k1) 27 times, p3tog, (k1, p1) 9 times, (k1, p1, k1) in next st, p1, (k1, p1) 11 times.
 Round 5: (k1, p1) to end.
 Cast off loosely in rib.

Swiss darning and plaits

Embroider the motifs on the ear flaps and front in Swiss darning, using ivory yarn and following the chart on page 7. Make three plaits of varying lengths – 8cm (3¼in), 9cm (3½in) and 14cm (5½in) – each from 12 strands of pink yarn, and stitch to the top of the hat.



Classic Beanie

Materials:

2 x 50g balls aran (10-ply) yarn (100% wool tweed) – russet

Needles:

4mm (UK 8; US 6) knitting needles

5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles

Tapestry needle

Tension:

16 sts and 23 rows to 10cm (4in), using 5mm (UK 6; US 8) knitting needles, measured over stocking stitch.

Measurements and sizes:

To fit an average adult male head

Instructions:

With 4mm needles and aran yarn, cast on 92 sts.

Row 1: (k2, p2) to end.

Rep row 1 15 times more.

Change to 5mm needles and, beg with a k row, work 24 rows in stocking stitch.

Row 41: (k13, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (86 sts).

Row 42 and each even-numbered (WS) row: purl.

Row 43: (k12, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (80 sts).

Row 45: (k11, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (74 sts).

Row 47: (k10, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (68 sts).

Row 49: (k9, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (62 sts).

Row 51: (k8, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (56 sts).

Row 53: (k7, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (50 sts).

Row 55: (k6, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (44 sts).

Row 57: (k5, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (38 sts).

Row 59: (k4, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (32 sts).

Row 61: (k3, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (26 sts).

Row 63: (k2, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (20 sts).

Row 64: (p2tog) 10 times (10 sts).

Row 65: (k2tog) 5 times.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail, and thread through rem 5 sts.

Making up

Stitch up the back seam, reversing the seam on the ribbed band.



Mini Classic

For a child-size hat, follow the same pattern but use double-knitting (8-ply) yarn; you should need only one 50g ball. Cast on using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and work 16 rows in rib, then change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles before continuing. Check your tension: you should have 19 sts and 29 rows to 10cm (4in) using 4mm needles.

