

Chelsea Hotel Hat

When I was working at Romni Wools, a yarn shop in downtown Toronto, I was asked to make a sample from the then-new Malabrigo Twist yarn. I found this pretty Shetland Eyelet lace pattern in Barbara Walker's *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns* (page 179), which worked up nicely into a hat.



Materials

- 1 skein Malabrigo Twist or other aran weight yarn, 100 grams/150 yards (this sample used 55 grams)
- 5mm, 40cm/16" circular needle (or double pointed needles)
- 6mm, 40cm/16" circular needle (or double pointed needles)
- 6mm double pointed needles for finishing the top (or you can do magic loop)
- stitch marker
- tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

Gauge is not so crucial for this pattern. It's knit loosely on fairly big needles to open up the lace. However I'd suggest knitting the ribbed brim more snugly as it will stretch with wear.

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

M1 = make one stitch. You can use whatever your favourite method is to do this

K2tog = knit 2 together

yo = yarn over

ssk = slip the next 2 stitches knitwise to the righthand needle, slip lefthand needle through the front of these 2 stitches, then knit them together through the back of the loops

sl 2 knitwise = slip the next 2 stitches to the righthand needle as if you were knitting them

p2sso = using the left needle, pick up the 2 slipped stitches and pass them over the stitch just knitted

Instructions

Ribbing

Cast on 72 stitches to the 5mm circular needle. Join to knit in the round and place a stitch marker to indicate beginning of the round. K2, P2 to the end of the round. Repeat for four more rounds (so you have 5 rounds of ribbing).

Hat body

Switch to 6mm needle to knit the body of the hat.

Round 1: K8, M1 all the way around for a total of 81 stitches.

Round 2: K2, K2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K2. Repeat to end of round.

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: K1, K2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K1. Repeat to end of round.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: K1, yo, ssk, yo, sl 2 knitwise—K1—p2sso, yo, K2tog, yo, K1. Repeat to end of round.

Round 7: Knit.

Round 8: K3, yo, sl 2 knitwise—K1—p2sso, yo, K3. Repeat to end of round.

Round 9: Knit.

Repeat rounds 2-9 two more times.

Decreases

Decrease round 1: K2tog twice, yo, K1, yo, SSK, SSK. Repeat to end of round.

Decrease round 2: Knit.

Decrease round 3: K2tog, yo, K3, yo, SSK. Repeat to end of round.

Decrease round 4: Knit.

Decrease round 5: SSK, yo, sl 2 knitwise—K1—p2sso, yo, k2tog. Repeat to end of round.

Decrease round 6: Knit.

Decrease round 7: K1, yo, sl 2 knitwise—K1—p2sso, yo, k1. Repeat to end of round.

Decrease round 8: Knit.

Decrease round 9: ssk, k1, k2tog. Repeat to end of round.

Decrease round 10: Knit.

Decrease round 11: sl 2 knitwise—K1—p2sso. Repeat to end of round.

You should have 9 stitches left. Using a tapestry needle, thread yarn through remaining stitches, pull tight, and weave in the ends.

Block if you wish and wear your hat proudly!