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Dragon Alley
Harry Potter motifs and Rowling references abound in this section, which includes a variety of projects to knit. From Hedwig's毛球袜 to the Weasley Wizard Wheezes, there's a project for every Harry Potter fan!
Stitch Guides for this Project

Single Rib (1 × 1 rib) worked in rounds

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end of rnd

Repeat rnd 1 for patt

Double Rib (2 × 2 rib) worked in rounds

Rnd 1: *K2, p2; repeat from * to end of rnd

Repeat rnd 1 for patt

Stockinette Stitch (St st) worked in rounds

Knit all rounds

Special Abbreviations

CDD – centered double decrease.
Sl 2 sts knitwise (as if making ak2tog) from left to right needle, k1, pass both slipped sts over the resulting st.

Ssp – slip slip purl decrease. Slip 2 sts…etc…etc…etc.

Stripe Patterns

Large Stripe Pattern
Work *6 rnds color A, 6 rnds color B*; repeat from * for remainder of hat, carrying yarn not in use loosely across the 6 skipped rnds.

Narrow Stripe Pattern
Work with color A until hat measures 3" (3 1⁄2", 4") [7.5 (8.75, 10) cm] from cast on edge. Then work 2 rnds color B, 3 rnds color A, 2 rnds color B, and return to color A for remainder of hat.

HOUSEHATS
Designer–Alison Hansel
Pattern Rating–First Year

A boy’s beanie and a girl’s beret to show off your school colors! They may not be magic, but these easy-to-knit hats will keep you warm and in style at the same time. The ... all the Hogwarts house colors. You can pick your house and your stripes, and knit your hat to match your scarf and mittens.

Beanie
With smaller needles and color A, CO 84 (96, 108) sts, place marker to note beginning of rnd, and join into a circle.

Rnd 1:
*K1, p1; repeat from * to end of rnd. Repeat rnd 1 five more times.

Change to larger needles and work desired stripe patt in St st, switching to color B for Large Stripe pattern and continuing with color A for Narrow Stripe pattern. Work in this manner until hat measures 5 (5 1⁄2, 6)" [12.75 (14, 15.25) cm] from cast on edge.

Next round:
*K21 (24, 27) sts; place marker, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Begin decreases.

Rnd 1:
*K2tog, K17 (20, 23) sts, ssk, repeat from * to end of rnd.

⎯ 76 (88, 100) sts.

Rnd 2:
Knit.

Rnd 3:
*K2tog, K15 (18, 21) sts, ssk, repeat from * to end of rnd.

⎯ 68 (80, 92) sts.

Rnd 4:
Knit.

Rnd 5:
*K2tog, K13 (16, 19) sts, ssk, repeat from * to end of rnd.

⎯ 60 (72, 86) sts.

Rnd 6:
Knit.

Cut yarn leaving 8" (20 cm) tail and thread tail through remaining sts to close top of hat. Weave in ends.

Materials

Plymouth Encore (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 200 yd [183 m] per 100 g ball): #999 Burnt Sienna (color A), 1 skein

Plymouth Encore: #1014 Butternut (color B), 1 skein

Note: You should be able to make two hats with one skein of Encore in each color.

Or similar yarn that knits to specified gauge; Worsted-weight wool or wool-blend yarn, about 200 yd [183 m] each in 2 colors

16" US 6 (4 mm) circular needle

16" US 7 (4.5 mm) circular needle

US 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles

stitch markers

tapestry needle

Finished Size
Circumference: 18 1⁄2 (21 1⁄4 , 24)" [47.75 (54, 61) cm]

Length: 7 (7 1⁄2, 8)" [17.75 (19, 20.25) cm]

Samples shown, on right circumference 18 1⁄2" and on left 21 1⁄4"
Beret

With smaller needles and color A, CO 84 (96, 108) sts, place marker to note beginning of rnd, and join into a circle.

Rnd 1: * K1, p1, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 2–6: rep rnd 1.

Rnd 7 (increases): *K5, k1f&b, repeat from * to end of rnd—98, (112, 126) sts.

Rnd 8: Knit.

Rnd 9: *K6, k1f&b; repeat from * to end of rnd—112 (128, 144) sts.

Work even (without further increases) in St st until hat measures 51⁄2 (6, 61⁄2)" [14 (15.25, 16.5) cm] from the cast on edge.

Begin decreases.

Rnd 1: *K6, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—98 (112, 126) sts.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: *K5, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—84 (96, 108) sts.

Rnd 4: Knit.

Rnd 5: *K4, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—70 (80, 90) sts.

Rnd 6: Knit.

Rnd 7: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—56 (64, 72) sts.

Rnd 8: Knit.

Rnd 9: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—42 (48, 54) sts.

Rnd 10: *K1, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—28 (32, 36) sts.

Rnd 11: *K2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd—14 (16, 18) sts.

Rnd 12: Repeat rnd 11—7 (8, 9) sts remain.

Cut yarn leaving 8" (20 cm) tail and thread tail through remaining stitches to close top of hat. Weave in ends.