



Grannies Dancing Hat

By Merrie Davidson (based on a chart and hat from Vibeke Lind in her book, *Knitting in the Nordic Tradition* Lark Books, (1985)).

This is a nice warm, lined hat for a cold winter. The yarn used is soft, warm, a little fuzzy, but shows the pattern beautifully.

Size: Adult woman

Materials

3 colors of Worsted Weight Yarn, 50 grams each. (Kenzie by HiKoo) (A --1018 grey, B --1009 Oceania, C -- 1015 fushia)

1 color of Sport/DK Weight Yarn, 100 grams (Fresco by Classic Elite Yarns) (grey)

Needles

1 US size 4/3.50 mm 16" circular needle

4 US size 4/3.50 DPNs

or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Notions

6 stitch makers, 1 different from the rest – use for the beginning of rounds

Gauge

For the outer hat, in stranded knitting, 24 stitches and 8 rows = 4inches/10 cm

For the inner hat, in stockinet, 20 stitches and 10 stiches = 4 inches/10 cm

Abbreviations

K Knit

P Purl

K1A (Knit 1 stitch with color A)

K1B (Knit 1 stitch with color B)

K1C (Knit 1 stitch with color C)

K2tog Knit 2 together

Techniques used

Stranded knitting

There are several ways to hold the needles for stranded knitting. I like to hold a strand in each hand, but you may be different. Here are some techniques:

KnitPicks tutorial: <http://tutorials.knitpicks.com/wptutorials/fair-isle-or-stranded-knitting/>

Provisional cast on

There are also several types of provisional cast ons. I tend to use a crochet chain to cast on with.

Here are some options:

Crochet chain cast on: <http://www.purlbee.com/knitting-tutorials-cast-ons/2007/12/10/provisional-cast-on.html>

Crochet cast on: <http://www.classicliteyarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/ProvCO/ProvCO.php>

Long-tail cast on: <http://www.knitandtonic.typepad.com/LTPCastOn.pdf>

BEGIN OUTER HAT

With Color B (Oceana) and a provisional cast on, cast on 144 stitches onto 16" circular needle.

(Round 1) Being careful not to twist stitches, join stitches into a round and place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit 1 round

(Rd 2) Begin Grannies Dancing Chart (at end of pattern). Place stitch marker after 2 repeats of each pattern. This will help you keep your place and find mistakes quickly.

Follow chart and chart colors starting at Round 2 through Round 44

Begin Crown

Continue with circular needles until there are too few stitches to comfortably fit, then switch to DPNs or Magic Loop or 2 Circulars

(Round 1) K1A, K1C* around (144 stitches)

(Round 2) *(K1A, K1C) X 5 times, K2togC* Repeat between ** around. (138 stitches)

(Round 3) *(K1A, K1C) X 4 times, K1A, K2togC* Repeat between ** around (132 stitches)

(Even Rounds 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) (K1A, K1C) to stitch marker, K2tog with C* Repeat between ** around until 24 stitches.

(Odd Rounds, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19) (K1A, K1C), K1A to stitch marker, K2tog with C* until 24 stitches.

Cut yarn to about 12 inches. Thread yarn on yarn needle and thread through loops on needles. Pull up tight.

Weave in all ends.

BEGIN INNER HAT LINING

Remove waste yarn and place the stitches on size 4 16" circular needle.

Join the lining yarn and purl one round.

Decrease the next round as follows:

K3, k2tog, (k6, k2tog) X 17, k3 (126 stitches)

Knit all rounds until lining measures 2".

(Next round) Purl around

(Following rounds) Knit all rounds until lining measures 5" from second round of purl bumps.

(Next round) Place a special marker, (K21, pm) X 5

Start Decreasing

(All rounds) (Knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog) X 6

Until you have 12 stitches left.

Cut yarn and thread through loops. Pull up tight and weave in ends.

Enjoy your hat!

It's your hat. You may do anything you wish with this hat. Sell it, give it away, place it on your head, dance around with it.

Have fun! And let me know if something isn't clear or you need assistance.

