

Leafy beanie

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Materials

1 skein Great Southern Yarn 4 ply in *Rosalie Gascoigne* (50% Australian merino, 50% Australian alpaca 320m/100g)

1 set 3.5mm 16"/40cm circular needle

1 set 3.5mm dpns

1 stitch marker

Abbreviations: k – knit, p – purl, yo – yarn over, k2tog – knit two together, s1wyif – slip one stitch with yarn held in front of work, sm – slip marker, rep – repeat, RS – right side, WS – wrong side, m1 – make 1 additional stitch by knitting into the bar between stitches, skpsso – slip 1, knit one, pass slipped stitch over, sk2togpsso – slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

Notes: Pattern uses small amount of i-cord to finish with the little leaf on top; if you are not familiar with i-cord, google it and you'll find plenty of video tutorials!

Pattern:

Cast on 144 stitches, pm, then join to work in the round. Be careful not to twist when joining!

Work in k1p1 rib until piece measures 4cm, slipping the marker at the beginning of each round.

Begin leaf lace:

Row 1: (p2, yo, k1, yo, p2, k2, k2tog, k3) rep to end, sm

Row 2: (p2, k3, p2, k6) rep to end, sm

Row 3: (p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2, k2, k2tog, k2) rep to end, sm

Row 4: (p2, k5, p2, k5) rep to end, sm

Row 5: (p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2, k2, k2tog, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 6: (p2, 7, p2, k4) rep to end, sm

Row 7: (p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p2, k2, k2tog) rep to end, sm

Row 8: (p2, k9, p2, k3) rep to end, sm

Row 9: (p2, k2, k2tog, k5, p2, k1, k2tog) rep to end, sm

Row 10: (p2, k8, p2, k2) rep to end, sm

Row 11: (p2, k2, k2tog, k4, p2, k2tog) rep to end, sm

Row 12: (p2, k7, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 13: (p2, k2, k2tog, k3, p2, yo, k1, yo) rep to end, sm

Row 14: (p2, k6, p2, k3) rep to end, sm

Row 15: (p2, 2, k2tog, k2, p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 16: (p2, k5, p2, k5) rep to end, sm

Row 17: (p2, 2, k2tog, k1, p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2) rep to end, sm

Row 18: (p2, k4, p2, k7) rep to end, sm

Row 19: (p2, k2, k2tog, p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3) rep to end, sm

Row 20: (p2, k3, p2, k9) rep to end, sm

Row 21: (p2, k1, k2tog, p2, k2, k2tog, k5) rep to end, sm

Row 22: (p2, k2, p2, k8) rep to end, sm

Row 23: (p2, k2tog, p2, k2, k2tog, k4) rep to end, sm

Row 24: (p2, k1, p2, k7) rep to end, sm

Rep rows 1-24 once more, then rows 1-12 once more (50 rows after ribbed edge). Switch to dpns when work becomes too short for circulars.

Row 51: (p2, k2, k2tog, k3, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 52: (p2, k6, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 53: (p2, k2, k2tog, k2, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 54: (p2, k5, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 55: (p2, k2, k2tog, k1, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 56: (p2, k4, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 57: (p2, k2, k2tog, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 58: (p2, k3, p2, k1) rep to end, sm

Row 58: (p2, k1, k2tog, p2, k1) rep to end, sm
Row 59: (p2, k2, p2, 1) rep to end, sm
Row 60: (p2, k2tog, p2, k1) rep to end, sm
Row 61: (P2, k1, p2, k1) rep to end, sm
Work in p2k1 for 6 more rounds

Row 68: (p2tog, k1) rep to end
Row 69: k2tog to end, rep to end
Row 70: sk2togpsso to end
Row 71: k2tog to end

[If finishing here, pull yarn through remaining stitches, slide them off the needle and pull closed. Weave in ends to finish off and block gently.]

If adding leaf bobble:

Work 3 rounds of 4-stitch i-cord, then:

For curling leaf:

Row one (RS): K1, yo, k2tog, yo, k1
R 2 (WS): P
R 3: k1, m1, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, m1, k1
R 4: P
R 5: k1, m1, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, m1, k1
R 6: P
R 7: k1, skpsso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1
R 8: P
R 9: k1, skpsso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1
R 10: P
R 11: k1, skpsso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1
R 12: P
R 13: k1, skpsso, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

R 14: P
R 15: k1, sk2togpsso, k1
R 16: P
R 17: sk2togpsso
Pull yarn through to finish off and weave in ends. Block gently.

For flat leaf, work as for curling leaf except even/WS rows should be knit not purl.