

Climbing Leaves Hat

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Using the provisional cast on of your choice, cast on 30 stitches onto smooth waste yarn. Proceed with main yarn, and work **Climbing Leaves** pattern until piece measures appx. 20 inches long. Place stitches on stitch holder. Pin out and block piece before proceeding to finishing step.

Once blocked, undo provisional cast on and place on a needle, and place held stitches on another needle. With right sides facing, graft edges together using Kitchener stitch. Proceed to crown of hat as follows:

With circular needle, pick up and knit 120 stitches around one edge of hatband.

Place marker and proceed working in the round. Purl one rnd. Knit the following round, placing five more markers every 20 stitches. (Use a different color from the marker at the end of the round.) Knitting every round from here one, begin decreasing as follows:

Round 1: *Sl 2 sts tog kwise, k1, p2sso, work to marker, slip marker (sm); repeat from *. 12 sts decreased.

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 12 stitches remain, being careful to move stitch markers over by one stitch each subsequent decrease round so that the decs line up on top of each other and form a prominent wheel pattern. Continue decreasing until 12 sts. remain. Now *K2tog; rep from * for 1 more round – 6 sts. rem. Cut yarn, leaving about 18 inches, draw the yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight. Bring tail to inside of hat. Weave in all ends.

Climbing Leaves Pattern:

Rnd 1: K2, P1, K2, P2, (P1, K3, K2tog, K1, YO, P2, YO, K1, sl1, K1, pssso, K3, P1) P2, K2, P1, K2

Rnd 2 and every alt. rnd: P2, K1, P2, K2 (K1, P6, K2, P6, K1) K2, P2, K1, P2

Rnd 3: K2, P1, K2, P2 (P1, K2, K2tog, K1, YO, K1, P2, K1, YO, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, P1) P2, K2, P1, K2

Rnd 5: K2, P1, K2, P2 (P1, K1, K2tog, K1, YO, K2, P2, K2, YO, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, P1) P2, K2, P1, K2

Rnd 7: K2, P1, K2, P2 (P1, K2tog, K1, YO, K3, P2, K3, YO, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, P1) P2, K2, P1, K2

SUPPLIES:

1 hank Liberty's Yarn Sportmagundi
(415 yds. 100% merino wool)
Tapestry needle for darning in ends
One 16" US size 5 circular needle
Smooth waste yarn for provisional cast on
Crochet hook for provisional cast on
One stitch holder
Stitch markers, 1 contrasting in color to mark the beginning of the round

GAUGE: 5 stitches = 1 inch in st-st

ABBREVIATIONS:

SSK: slip slip knit
K2tog: knit two stitches together
K tbl: knit stitch through back of loop
YO: yarn over needle
PSSO: pass slipped stitch over
M1: make one stitch increase
PM: Place marker
SM: Slip marker
K2tbl/K3tbl: knit next 2 or 3 stitches through back of loop **one at a time (not a decrease)**