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## **Skill Level:**

Advanced Beginner

## **Materials:**

- Spud and Chloë Sweater (100g/160yds): 2 hanks (contrasting colors)
- Size 6 (4mm) 16" circular needle, or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size 6 (4mm) double pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge
- Locking stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

For the optional eye patch:

• Two sets 3/4" (1.9 cm) Velcro® Coins

• Sewing needle, thread to match colors for Yarns A and B to attach Velcro® Coins

## Photo Shown:

Barn #7518 and Penguin #7522

## **Finished Measurements:**

Depth: 61/2 (7, 8, 9)"

Circumference: 16 (18, 20, 22)"

### Gauge:

In Stockinette Stitch, worked in the round, 20 sts and 26 rows = 4'' In Garter Stitch, worked flat and lightly stretched, 20 sts and 32 rows = 4''

## **Abbreviations:**

BO: Bind off CO: Cast on

**Dpn(s):** double-pointed needles

K: Knit

K2tog: Knit two stitches together

**Kfb:** Knit into front and back of same stitch **Ktbl:** Knit through back loop of the stitch

Ndl(s): Needle(s)

P: Purl

Psso: pass slipped stitch over following stitch

Rep: Repeat RS: Right side SI: Slip St(s): Stitch(es)

**WS:** Wrong side

## PIRATE HAT WITH MOCK TIES

**Note:** Hat mock ties and band are worked flat. The stitches for the garter band are picked up from the center purl ridge of the ties. The knitted band is then folded, and the stitches for the hat portion are picked up from the upper edge of the band. The striped portion (remainder of the hat) is worked in the round.

There are three sizes for the ties: one each for the toddler and child sizes, and one for both adult sizes.

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## **Mock Ties**

First Increase:

With dpns, using Yarn A, CO 3 sts. Row 1 (WS): K1, kfb, k1. 4 sts.

Rows 2-4: Knit.

Row 5: K1, kfb twice, k1.6 sts.

Rows 6-8: Knit.

**Row 9:** K2, kfb twice, k2. 8 sts.

Rows 10-12: Knit.

Row 13: K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Rows 14-16: Knit.

Toddler Size Only: Skip to First Decrease. **Row 17:** K4, kfb twice, k4. 12 sts.

Rows 18-20: Knit.

Child Size Only: Skip to First Decrease **Row 21:** K5, kfb twice, k5. 14 sts.

Rows 22-24: Knit.

### First Decrease:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K until 4 (5, 6) sts rem, k2tog, k to end. 1 st decreased.

Rep the last 2 rows to 6 (7, 8) sts.

Next row: Purl. Mark this row with a removable stitch marker.

Next 2 rows: Knit.

## Second Increase:

Row 1: K until 3 sts rem, kfb, k2.

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat the last 2 rows to 10 (12, 14) sts.

Knit 4 rows.

## Second Decrease:

Adult size only:

Next row: K5, k2tog twice, k5. 12 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Adult & Child sizes only:

Next row: K4, k2tog twice, k4. 10 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

## Final Decrease, all sizes proceed from here:

Row 1: K2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2. 8 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 5: K2, k2tog twice, k2. 6 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

**Row 9:** K1, k2tog twice, k1. 4 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 13: K1, k2tog, k1. 3 sts.

Row 14: K3tog. 1 st.

Break yarn and draw through remaining stitch to bind off.

## Garter Band (both sizes)

Fold mock ties with WSs to inside at marked row - the purl ridge of marked row should be to the outside. With RS facing and Yarn A, using a DPN, pick up and knit 6 (7, 8, 9) sts from the purl ridge.

Knit 110 (122, 138, 152) rows – 55 (61, 69, 76) ridges - not including the ridges of the ties or the pick-up row, placing a locking stitch marker at the beginning edge of rows 6 (8, 10, 12) and 96 (108, 122, 126). Do not bind-off! The 6 (7, 8, 9) stitches from the final row will become the first sts for the hat when knitted in the round.

Forming the band for the hat and preparing to knit in the round is accomplished by first transferring the 6 (7, 8, 9) live sts to the circular needle.

With RS facing, using the circular needle and Yarn A, starting at the marker placed at the start of Row 6 (8, 10, 12) and ending with the marker placed at the start of row 96 (108, 122, 135), pickup and knit 90 (101, 112, 123) stitches around the upper edge of the garter band. Place a marker after this. The striped portion of the hat is worked in two-row stripes in the round on circular needles, alternating Yarns A and B.

**Special Note:** Make sure to twist yarns in between every round to minimize the "jog", or shift in appearance between rounds!

Round 1: Attach Yarn B, Ktbl all sts.

Round 2: Knit.
Switch to Yarn A.

**Round 3:** \*SI1, K1, psso, K10. Rep from \* to end. 88

(99, 110, 121) sts. **Round 4:** Knit.

Switch to Yarn B.

Rounds 5 and 6: Knit in Yarn B. Rounds 7 and 8: Knit in Yarn A.

**Repeat Rounds 5–8:** 3 (4, 5, 6) times more, ending with Round

20 (24) completed.



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Switch to Yarn B:

Round 9: Knit.

Round 10: Knit.

Switch to Yarn A.

Round 11: \*SI1, K1, psso, K3, K2tog. Rep from \* to end.

40 (45, 50, 55) sts.

Round 12: Knit.

Switch to Color B.

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: Knit.

Switch to Yarn A.

**Round 15:** \*SI1, K1, psso, K1, K2tog. Rep from \* to end. 24

(27, 30, 33) sts.

Round 16: Knit.

Switch to Yarn B.

Round 17: Knit.

Round 18: Knit.

Switch to Yarn A.

Round 19: \*SI1, K1, psso, K2tog. Rep from \* to last 0 (1, 0, 1)

sts, KO(1, 0, 1). 12(14, 15, 17) sts.

**Round 20:** K2tog to last 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, k 0 (0, 1, 1).

6 (7, 8, 9) sts rem.

#### **FINISHING**

Break yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches, and cinch opening shut. Secure, and weave in, loose ends.

Block the hat, folded flat, to the finished dimensions. The mock ties are not included in the overall measurements.

### **CROWN SHAPING**

Switch to Yarn B.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: \*SI1, K1, psso, K7, K2tog. Rep from \* to end. 72

(81, 70, 99) sts.

Switch to Yarn A.

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: Knit.

Switch to Yarn B.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: Knit.

Switch to Yarn A.

Round 7: \*SI1, K1, psso, K5, K2tog. Rep from \* to end.

56 (63, 70, 77) sts.

Round 8: Knit.

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#### **OPTIONAL EYEPATCH**

#### Sizes

**Note:** There are 2 sizes of eyepatch. The first size is for the toddler and child hats, the second size for the women's and men's hats.

The eyepatch is constructed in two pieces: a narrow garter strip, and a separate, shaped, flat patch, knitted in one piece, folded, and seamed together with the band centered securely inside. Two Velcro® coins are then sewn onto each end of the strip, and attached to the inside of the garter band of the hat with the other half of the coins. The scratchy sides go on the ends of the strip. The soft sides are sewn inside the hat. The exact positioning is left to the user.

#### Garter Strip:

With Yarn B, using dpns, cast on 4 (5) sts. Knit 40 rows total. BO all sts, break yarn, weave in ends, and set aside.

### Eyepatch:

With Yarn B, using dpns, cast on 6 (8) sts.

## Increase Section:

Row 1 (RS): K1, Kfb, K until 2 sts rem, , Kfb, K1. 2 sts increased.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows 4 (6) more times, to 16 (22) sts.

## Center Section:

Row 1 (RS)1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3, 4, 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

#### **Decrease Section:**

Row 1 (RS): K1, SI1, K1, psso, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. –2 sts decreased.

Row 2: Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows 4 (6) more times, to 6 (8) sts.

BO all sts, break yarn, and weave in ends.

#### FINISHING

Assemble eyepatch as follows:

- Lay completed eyepatch piece open and flat, with WS facing up.
- Place garter strip on top of eyepatch, lining up one long edge along the center folding-ridge of the eyepatch.
- Fold the eyepatch together, WS touching, with the garter strip centered and "sandwiched" inside.
- Cut a 16" length of yarn from Color B.
- Using a blunt tipped tapestry needle, seam the edges of the eyepatch closed. Ensure the garter strip is securely seamed together with the patch, and that both ends are secure.
- Using a sharp sewing needle, and matching thread, sew the "scratchy" sides of the Velcro® coins onto each end of the eyepatch strip.
- Mark the desired position for the ends of the eyepatch on inside of the hat.
- Using a sharp sewing needle thread to match Color A, sew soft sides of Velcro® coins into place.

Block eyepatch, if desired. The assembled patch should be approximately to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  " long, measured from tip to tip of the strip, and 2" from the top of the patch, to the bottom. The patch is 3" wide at the widest part.