

Alison, a Reversible Hat



Alison is a slouchy reversible hat knit in Fisherman stitch, which is very similar to brioche stitch. (and if your are familiar to both you could use either here.)

The PurlBee has some good photos on how to do this on this scarf project

<http://www.purlbee.com/2010/12/03/whits-knits-fishermans-rib-scarf-and-cowl/>

Materials: 2 different yarns in a worsted weight, approximately 100 yds needed for each color.

One variegated (CC) and a second a solid color (MC)that complements it.

I've used

- Lion brand Amazing with a solid Wool Ease
- Bernat Sheep(ish) by Vickie Howell 2 coordinating colors.
- Bernat Mosaic Yarn with Full O' Sheep from RedHeart both are discontinued though.

Notions:

5 stitch markers, or at least one stitch holder

Needles:

Size 7 circulars & DPN's.
Size 6 circulars & DPN's.
(the DPN's are for the crown of the hat, but you can use them for the whole hat)

Gauge:

Your rib stitch should be about 10 stitches by 12 rows for 2x2".



Brim:

With solid color (MC) and smaller needles CO 90 stitches on to circular needles.
(Join being careful not to twist)

Row 1: K1 P1 (rib stitch), place marker at end of row.

Continue in rib stitch in MC for about 8 rows or until brim measures about 1.5" long.
(You can make it as wide as you like of course)

Main body:

Row 1: Switch to larger needles - In MC Knit all stitches.

Row 2: Join CC leaving enough to weave in later
Using CC k1, p1 whole row

Row 3: Start Fisherman stitch - *Knit with MC into the row below, P1
*- continue this for the whole row ending in P1, slip marker.



(Note: how ever you choose to twist your yarns here, stay consistent
you will see it on one side, but it's not very noticeable if you keep it neat.)

Row 4: Switch to CC, *K1, Purl into row below* - continue this for whole row ending in the purl into row below.

(here is a link for purling into the row below, knitting into the row below is similar - <http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/purl-below-english>)

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until you have reached the desired size, around 5 inches will give a nice slouch,
(go longer and it gets slouchier, shorter and it will not slouch).

Crown/decreases:

(I like to start this part with the CC row,)

Row 1: Slip1 stitch (as if to purl) making sure to keep the yarn behind it, continue pattern normally for 17 stitches, *purl 1 into row below, k1*, purl 1 into row below.
Place marker if desired, Slip 1 as if to purl, (this stitch should be in the MC) and continue pattern again for 17 stitches, place marker.

Repeat this until end of row ending on a purl in row below. You should end with 5 sections with 18 stitches each, each starting with a slipped stitch in the MC.

Row 2: Starting at your first slipped stitch,

*slip first stitch as if to knit -

(it should be facing the opposite direction as your other stitches)

place next stitch (a purl) onto stitch holder making sure to keep at back of work,
knit into row below on the next stitch.

Then pass slipped stitch over, resulting in 1 decrease.

Place purl stitch on holder back onto needles, slip it as if to purl
keeping it behind your working yarn.

Continue pattern (purl1 , k1 into row below) until marker.*

Repeat for each of the five sections, You should have done 5 decreases,
85 stitches left.

Row 3: In CC

Slip first stitch as if knit, slip 2nd stitch as if to purl,

purl into the row below on the 3rd,

pass the slipped purl over decreasing 1 again.

continue pattern (k1, purl into row below) until you reach marker.

Repeat for each section (5 decreases in total), will end with 80 stitches.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you have 10 stitches left on the needles. Five in each color of yarn.

Switching to DPN's if preferred for crown.

You can take both yarns and thread them through all 10 and tie off. But I like to take the
matching color and thread it through just the 5 that match it for a cleaner look.

Break yarn, weave in your ends!