StevenBe
B e   I n s p i r e d

Rockin' Slouch

This slouchy hat is cute, quick, and oh-so-warm and squishy. The Rockin' Slouch is knit with the StevenBe exclusive Hedgehog Fibres Sock, especially for Minnesota Yarn Shop Hop 2015.

Skill Level
Adventurous Beginner

Size
One size fits all; two slouch lengths (traditional, rasta-style)

Materials
1 skein Hedgehog Fibres Sock Yarn (90% merino, 10% nylon; 100 g; 383 yd)
Stitch marker
Tapestry needle
Clover pom pom maker
Optional: waste yarn--small amount of cotton fingering weight yarn in high contrasting color for lifelines

Needle
US 3, 16" Addi circular needle (or two sizes smaller than size needed to obtain gauge)
US 5, 16" Addi circular needle (or size needed to obtain gauge)
US 5 double pointed needles for crown (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Gauge
5 sts/1" in stockinette st with larger needle

Special Abbreviations
Yo: yarn over
K2tog: knit two together
K3tog: knit three together
P2tog: purl two together
CO: cast on
K: knit
P: purl
Sl: slip
Wyif: with yarn in front
Wyib: with yarn in back
Ssk: slip, slip, knit together through the back loop
K1b: knit one below
P1b: purl one below

Pattern Stitches
1x1 rib: *K1, p1* repeat from * to * around.
2x1 rib: *K2, p1* repeat from * to * around.

Tips from the Glitter Knitter:
As per StevenBe style, this pattern is very flexible. Needle size can vary depending on your desired drape for the slouch portion of the hat. To make the hat slouchier, simply continue working the Hat Body portion. The brim of the Rockin' Slouch is knit flat and then joined later right before changing needle sizes. Because this stitch is difficult to rip back, you may wish to use lifelines in the Hat Body.

Pattern Instructions

Using larger needle, CO 124 sts, leaving a 16" tail to be used for picking up sts later.

Set-Up Rows:

Change to smaller needle.

Rows 1, 3, and 5 (RS): P to last st, sl1wyif.

Rows 2 and 4 (WS): K to last st, sl1wyib.

Row 6: K to last st, sl1wyif.

Brim Pattern (read through completely):

Rows 1, 3, 5, 8, and 10: K2, k2tog, k to last st, sl1wyib.

Rows 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11: P2, p2tog, p to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 6: P2, p2tog, p to last st, sl1wyib.

Row 12: K2, k2tog, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Work rows 1-12 twice more, ending with 4 welts on the RS. (88 sts)

Hat Body Set-Up:

Using the knitted-on cast-on method, CO 13 sts, sl 1st st on right needle to left needle, being careful not to twist, k2tog, place marker.

Knit two rounds. (If using lifelines, we recommend you place one here and then at regular intervals of your choice during the Hat Body.)

Change to larger needle.

Work one round in 1x1 rib.

Hat Body:

Rnd 1: *K1b, p1* repeat from * to * around.

Rnd 2: *K1, p1b* repeat from * to * around.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 for desired slouch (traditional slouch measures appx. 5" from band, rasta-style slouch measures appx. 7" from band).

Crown:

Rnd 1: *Ssk, k1, p1* repeat from * to * around. (75 sts)

Rnds 2-6: Work in 2x1 rib.

Switch to double pointed needles.

Rnd 7: *K2tog, p1* repeat from * to * around. (50 sts)

Rnds 8-12: Work in 1x1 rib.

Rnd 13: Ssk around. (25 sts)

Rnd 14: K3tog, *k2tog* repeat from * to * around. (12 sts)

Rnd 15: K2tog around. (6 sts)

Cut yarn leaving 6" tail. Thread onto tapestry needle and draw through live sts, cinching top of the hat closed.

Optional I-cord Ties and Neckline:

Step 1: Using smaller needle, CO 3 sts and work i-cord for 4" or desired length. Set aside.

Step 2: Starting at inside of left point and using the 16" tail from brim CO, pick up and knit 21 sts, 13 sts along neck edge, and 21 sts along right point. Drop tail.

Step 3: Using working yarn and in-progress i-cord, continue working applied i-cord along all picked up sts.

Step 4: When all stitches have been worked, continue in 3-stitch i-cord to match other side. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail, thread the tail through the i-cord stitches, tighten, and use for attaching pom poms or tassels.

Finishing

Steam block to set stitches and add length as desired. Embellish with pom poms and tassels at the points or ends of i-cord and the top of the hat.