

Crystal Palace Yarns Iceland + Splash Felted Cloche Hat

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Gauge

Over stockinette, 11.5 sts and 14 rows=4" with Iceland

Materials

Size 11 US (8 mm) [Crystal Palace Bamboo](#) Circular needles, 16" or 24" in length or size needed to obtain gauge

Size 11 US (8 mm) Crystal Palace Bamboo Double Pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

2 - 100 gr balls [Iceland](#) - color 7063 Dutch Blue

1 - 100 gr ball [Splash](#) - color 9524 Dreamy

Instructions

With Iceland and circular needles, CO 80 sts. Make sure sts aren't twisted. Join. Mark beg of round.

Work in garter st (knit one rnd and purl the next) 6 Rnds.

Rnd 7: k2tog, k38, k2tog, k38-78 sts

Rnds 8, 10, 12, and 14: P

Rnd 9: k2tog, k37, k2tog, k37 – 76 sts

Rnd 11: k2tog, k36, k2tog, k36 – 74 sts

Rnd 13: k2tog, k35, k2tog, k35 – 72 sts

Rnd 15: * k2tog, k10; rep from * around-66 sts

With one strand of Iceland and Splash held together, k 10 rnds.

Cut Splash. With Iceland, k 6 more rnds.

Dec as follows:

*k9, k2tog; rep from * around-60 sts

K 4 more inches.

Crown:

Change to double points when you can no longer fit sts comfortably on circulars.

Rnd 1: *k4, k2tog; rep from * across – 50 sts

Rnds 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10: k

Rnd 3: *k3, k2tog; rep from * across - 40 sts

Rnd 5: *k2, k2tog; rep from * across - 30 sts

Rnd 7: *k1, k2tog; rep from * across - 20 sts

Rnd 9: k2tog; rep from * across - 10 sts

Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving long tail. Thread through tapestry needle and thread through each rem st on needle as if to purl, taking sts off needle. Pull tightly to close top of hat.

Weave in ends on WS.

Felting

Put the hat in the washer along with a pair of jeans or canvas tennis shoes. Use a small amount of detergent and a low water level with a hot temperature. Wash for five minutes. Stop the cycle and check to see if it is felted as tightly as desired; the longer you wash it, the smaller and more felted it will become. If the hat is not quite felted enough, continue washing and carefully check every few minutes. For the most accurate results, wring it out and try it on, even though it's wet. When you're satisfied, rinse it out by hand with cold water.

Shape the hat using your head, a wig form, bowls, etc. Shape the hat as desired; the fabric will still be malleable so don't be afraid to pull it in various directions. Once it is the desired size and shape, you can stuff it with plastic bags if needed. Allow hat to dry completely.



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