SLIPPED HAT
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NOTES
The colourwork in this hat is a slipped stitch pattern, popularised by Barbara Walker as mosaic knitting. Mosaic knitting is easy to knit and faster than traditional stranded colourwork because only one strand of yarn is used in each round.

The double-sided band makes for extra warmth around the ears. It is finished with a stylish pompom.

This hat is worked in the round. When working the chart, the working yarn is always stranded across the wrong side of the work. Remember to keep the floats loose by spacing the slipped stitches. There is no need to break the yarn between color changes.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Hat is 21” / 54 cm around the band and 9.5” / 24cm tall excluding the pompom. Fits the average adult head.

MATERIALS
• Zealana Artisan COZI (58% Merino, 22% Nylon, 15% Brush-tail Possum down, 5% Baby Alpaca, 186 yds / 170m per 50 grams)
• 2 balls #CO2 Bittersweet (CC)
• 1 ball #CO3 Custard (MC)
• US size 2 (2.75mm) 24” / 60cm circular needle
• US size 3 (3.25mm) 24” / 60cm circular needle
• OR SIZES NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE
• Stitch marker
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE
26.5 sts and 38 rows to 4” /10cm over St st on 2.75mm needles
TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.
HAT
Beg in MC, provisionally CO 144 stitches using the method you prefer. Pm and join to knit in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Knit 1 rnd. Break yarn. Join in CC and knit 17 rnds (work measures approx. 2” / 5cm). Join in MC, but do not break CC. Using MC, knit 1 rnd. Purl 1 rnd. Break MC and weave the loose ends neatly into the wrong side of the fabric. Use CC to knit 17 more rnds.

Release provisional CO, (releasing the provisional cast on requires a spare needle to put the loose sts onto) and knit the cast on edge and the working edge together with wrong sides together. The middle section in MC will become the border edge of the band.

Change to larger needles and beg chart, working the 6 sts rep 24 times across the rnd. Work 7 reps of rnds 1 to 16. Hat will measure 9.5” / 24 cm.

Work crown shaping:
CC: [K1, K2tog] around. 96 sts remain. Purl 1 rnd even.
MC: [K2tog] around. 48 sts remain. Purl 1 rnd even.

FINISHING
Break both yarns, leaving a 12” / 30cm tail. Using a tapestry needle, thread both strands through the remaining stitches, draw tight and fasten. Block hat before attaching pompom.

To make pompom:
The pompom as shown has a diameter of 7.5” / 19 cm. You will need approximately 15g of CC to make your pompom in the size shown.

KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS
CC: Contrast colour
Cco: Cable cast on. Insert the right needle between the last two stitches on the left needle. Wrap the yarn around the right needle as if to knit & pull the yarn through & place the new stitch on the left needle.
F&B: Front & Back. Knit or purl into the front & back of the same stitch, increasing one stitch. Knit into a knit stitch & purl into a purl stitch.
MC: Main Colour
M1: Make one. Knit into the horizontal thread below the next stitch & then into the stitch, increasing one stitch.
K: Knit
P: Purl
Pm: Place marker.
Ssk or Ssp: Slip 2 sts individually knitwise or purlwise. Insert LH needle into these 2 sts from left to right and knit or purl them together.
RS: Right Side
Tog: Together
WS: Wrong Side

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