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THRUMS EURO-TAM

One Size fits most

This quick and easy pattern takes me one evening to spin the yarn needed and another 1 -1 1/2 hour block of time to knit this up. If you need a last minute gift- this is it! I have even been hinted at that this would make a very nice Christmas present this year. If you don't spin, have no fear- you can use a chunky weight yarn. I have even used a thinner strand of Thrum yarn with a strand of my handspun dog- or mohair. I am allergic to bunny- but this would be nice too.

Spin a 2 ply yarn that would measure 8-10 wpi (chunky weight yarn)

Knit 2 strands together throughout or use one strand of mohair.

Gauge = approx. 3 sts per inch

#9 - 11 16" circular needles and one pair of double point when you begin the decrease.

M = make one stitch by knitting into the row below- or if your prefer knit to the back and to the front. I knit into the row below as it makes a more invisible added stitch.

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together.

Cast on 50 stitches loosely as this is the brim.If you want, place a marker at the beginning of the join.

***** To make a smooth join, cast on one more stitch and place it on the left hand needle, then knit the 1st 2 stitches together. *******

Join and knit one row, The next row will be your increase row if you prefer a smaller tam.

Increase row: K3 stitches, M 1 - you will have 66 stitches.

*** For a large tam repeat the increase row once more for a total of 88 stitches.)***

Knit for 3-4 inches all around in stockinette stitch.

Begin decrease as follows: place a marker at the starting point.

***K9,k2tog*, repeat all around.**

Knit the next row.

*** K8, K2tog*, repeat all around.**

Knit one row.

Continue decreasing by one stitch every other row and knitting every other row until you have 30 stitches.

Begin decreasing every row after you get to 30 stitches in the same fashion as above decreases, until 6 stitches remain.

Now you have an optional finish.

#1 - cut yarn and leave an 8" tail, using a darning needle run yarn thru all stitches , pull together, and weave in ends.

#2 - Continue to knit all 6 stitches for either a 1" length- bind off. This will look like the "French tam", or

#3 - Decrease by knitting 2 tog - with 3 stitches left knit until you have about 4 -5 inches. Bind off. Make a knot with the skinny knitted piece.

TA-DAH!! Now go make a few more and give a few to the homeless - they need to be warm this winter too!

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