

We Call Them Pirates

'yarn: Dale of Norway Hauk in natural (contrast color) and black (main color)- one skein (100 meters and

50 grams) each

* lining yarn: 20 g soft sport weight wool or cotton for lining, plus waste yarn for provisional cast on *needles: US 1 and 3 16" circular needles, plus size 3 dpns, or whatever size you need to get

gauge

* size: 21"" (can be adjusted- see pattern)

* gauge: 6 sts. and 7 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch on larger needles

This hat is knit entirely in stockinette stitch (knit every round), bar the second row. The chart is repeated 4 times per row with each row read right to left.

Pattern:

With main color and waste yarn on size 3 needle, cast on 128 stitches, using provisional cast on method. Place marker at beginning of round. Knit 1 row, purl one row, then begin to work chart, switching to double pointed needles when hat gets too small for circular.

When last row of chart is completed, knit one round in pattern, knitting three stitches together in main color between the white vertical stripes. Cut yarn, thread both tails through remaining 16 stitches. Weave in ends.

Remove waste yarn and place stitches on size 1 needle. Join lining yarn and knit one round. On next round, *k10, K2TOG* around, so that you decrease by 10 stitches. Knit straight in stockinette stitch until lining measures 2.25". Cut yarn and join main color. Knit one more round in main color then cut yarn, leaving a 2 yard tail. Do not bind off. Fold hem up and steam flat with an iron or steamer for a sharp fold. With a sharp needle, tack each stitch down to the inside of the hat, making sure your stitches don't show on the right side. Weave in ends. Wash and block.

* To adjust the size of the hat, either change the gauge so that you get the proper circumference, or hand wash the hat and dry it in the dryer until it shrinks to the wanted measurement. I have done the latter and find the results wonderful. It is easy to stand in front of the dryer and check the fit every so often until it is perfect. Be sure to knit in wool for this to work.

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