

Little Bear Hat

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A quick and easy animal hat to make for your Blythe dolls. I only had pink and white yarn on hand – I'm sure a more realistic result could be achieved with a neutral palette.

Materials

- 1 x 50g ball Lincraft Big Wool (50% wool, 50% acrylic) the colour I used was #8751 (pink and white)
- Small amount of Lincraft Entice (or a similar fake fur yarn) in white for inner ears
- One pair of 8mm (US 11) knitting needles
- One pair of 6mm (US 10) knitting needles
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Polyester sewing thread and embroidery needle for sewing on inner ears

Gauge

Lincraft Big Wool: 10 sts and 15 rows = 4" (10cm) using 8mm (US 11) needles Lincraft Entice: 20 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10cm) using 6mm (US 10) needles

Skill Level

Beginner

Note

The cap is knit flat in one piece with two side seams.

INSTRUCTIONS

Single Chevron Pattern (worked over a multiple of 8sts):

Row 1 (WS): sl 1st st purlwise, *p1, k3; rep from * to last st, ktbl

Row 2: sl 1st st purlwise, *k1, p5, k1, p1; rep from * to last st, ktbl

Row 3: sl 1st st purlwise, *k2, p1, k3, p1, k1; rep from * to last st, ktbl

Row 4: sl 1st st purlwise, *p2, k1, p1, k1, p3; rep from * to last st, ktbl

(for our hat we're using what is normally the wrong side of the pattern)

CO 18 sts with 8mm needles and Lincraft Big Wool yarn. Work Chevron Pattern eight (8) times until work roughly measures 18cm from the start. Then BO sts.

Fold hat so it is doubled over and sew side seams together using ends.

Fluffy inner ears (make 2)

CO 5sts with 6mm needles and Lincraft Entice yarn.

Row 1: k to end

Row 2: p2 tog, p, p2tog

Row 3: BO sts.

Weave in ends and attach to hat using white sewing cotton (only go through the inner ears and front layer of the hat). Then work around outer edge with the Lincraft Big Wool and a running stitch, going through both layers of the hat. This will help the ears to retain their shape.

Block hat by temporarily tying ears toward the front and close to the heat (I did this with my doll wearing the hat). Lightly dampen where the ears meet the crown of the hat and leave to dry. Once dry, untie and ears should stay in a nice position.

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Abbreviations

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

ktbl = knit stitch through back loop

P = Purl

p2 tog = purl 2 stitches together