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January Earflap cap

Knitted cap with earflaps done in the round.
Double knit flaps, brim and crown.
Honeycomb pattern for body. I-cord and garter stitch trim.

Material needed

Size 6, 16" circular needle and size 6 double-pointed needles
6 stitch markers

Gauge: 6 stitches/inch

Yarn: 5 colors sportweight yarn – Frogtree alpaca sport

Color A: Rust #20

Color B: Lilac #511

Color C: Green#401

Color D: Blue#309

Color E: Purple#53

Techniques

Double knit

These directions are for a flat piece (not done in the round) on an even number of stitches.

Row 1 and all odd-numbered rows:

Using colors A and B, bring both strands of yarn to back of work, K1 with color B.

Bring both strands to front of work, P1 with color A.

Continue across row.

Row 2 and all even-numbered rows:

Using colors A and B, bring both strands of yarn to back of work, K1 with color A.

Bring both strands to front of work, P1 with color B.

Continue across row.

Continue with these 2 rows for double knit pattern stitch.

Crossed stitch

Use right-hand needle to knit into second stitch on left-hand needle, then knit into the first stitch on left-hand needle.

Slide both stitches off left-hand needle.

I-cord

Done over 6 stitches on double-pointed needles.

Knit across the row. Move the stitches to the opposite end of the needle and transfer the needle to the left hand. Knit across the row again in the same direction. Pull the working yarn a little to close up the gap between the stitch rows.

Continue until you feel like stopping. Bind off your stitches.

Hat Pattern:

Ear flaps: Make 2

Cast on 15 stitches.

Using double-pointed needles, work in **double knit pattern**(see instruction above) with colors B and C.

Increase 1 stitch at end of each row until there are 26 stitches on the needle.

Increase 2 stitches at end of next 2 rows, ending with 30 stitches.

Brim:

Using circular needle and alternating colors B and C (to preserve double-knit pattern), cast on 12 stitches, knit across one flap (making sure to keep the alternating colors and double-knit pattern), cast on 36 stitches, then knit across second flap, cast on 12 stitches, ending with 120 stitches.

Being careful not to twist your work, work in **double knit pattern** in the round for 6 more rows.

Garter stitch stripe:

Row 1 (increase row): Using color A, K9, knit back and front of next stitch, K9, knit back and front of next stitch, repeat around row, ending with 132 stitches.

Row 2: Purl (you are making garter stitch in the round). Place stitch markers at center front and center back.

Lower Band:

Row 1: *Knit 1 color C, knit 1 color D, repeat from * around row.

Row 2: *Knit 1 color D, knit 1 color E, repeat from * around row.

Row 3: *Knit 1 color E, knit 1 color B, repeat from * around row.

Row 4: Knit 1 row color B.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Repeat row 2.

Row 7: Repeat row 1.

Garter stitch stripe:

Using color A, knit 1 row and purl 1 row.

Body:

Honey comb pattern

These directions are for working in the round (as you will for this cap). Multiple of 6 stitches. Center the 6 stitches over the center front and center back markers.

Row 1: Color A, *knit 4, cross next 2 stitches, repeat from * around row.

Row 2 - 6: Attach color C. *Knit 2 with color C, slip 2 (the crossed stitches from Row 1), knit 2 with color C, repeat from * around row.

Row 7: Color A, *knit 2, cross next 2 stitches, knit 2, repeat from * around row.

Row 8 - 12: Attach color D. *Knit 2 with color D, slip 2 (crossed stitches from Row 7), knit 2 with color D, repeat from * around row.

Row 13: Repeat Row 1

Rows 14 - 18: Attach color E. *Knit 2 with color E, slip 2 (crossed stitches from Row 7), knit 2 with color E, repeat from * around row.

Row 19: Repeat Row 7.

Rows 20 - 24: Attach color B. *Knit 2 with color B, slip 2 (crossed stitches from Row 7), knit 2 with color B, repeat from * around row.

Row 25: Repeat Row 1.

Rows 26 – 30: Repeat Rows 14 – 18.

Row 31: Repeat Row 7.

Rows 32 – 36: Repeat Rows 8 – 12.

Row 37: Repeat Row 1.

Rows 38 – 42: Repeat Rows 2-6.

Garter stitch stripe:

Using color A, knit 1 row and purl 1 row.

Upper Band:

Row 1: *Knit 1 color C, knit 1 color D, repeat from * around row.

Row 2: *Knit 1 color D, knit 1 color E, repeat from * around row.

Row 3: *Knit 1 color E, knit 1 color B, repeat from * around row.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: Repeat Row 1.

Garter stitch stripe:

Row 1 (decrease row):

Using color A, K9, k2tog, K9, K2tog, place marker, repeat to center front marker, slip marker, repeat to back marker.

End with 120 stitches with 6 markers evenly spaced.

Row 2: Purl.

Crown:

Row 1 (and all odd-numbered rows): Using colors C and D, do 1 row of **double-knit pattern** around hat.

Row 2 (and all even-numbered rows): Continuing with colors C and D, double-knit until 4 stitches away from first stitch marker, slip 1, knit one, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch, purl 2 together. Repeat around row, ending with 108 stitches.

Continue with row 1 and row 2 until 12 stitches remain. Change to double-pointed needles when needed.

I-cord tail:

With color A, knit 2 together around row ending with 6 stitches. Continue making an I-cord on 6 stitches for 3" or desired length. Bind off.

Garter stitch border:

Row 1: With color A, start at center back on lower edge, pick up 12 stitches, then 42 stitches around first ear flap, then 36 stitches across front, then 42 stitches around second ear flap, then 12 stitches to back center.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Bind off loosely using a knit stitch.