

Banana Hat

by Juliet Bernard



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn in white and yellow

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

A pair of 3.25mm (UK10/US3) Pony knitting needles

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

K	knit
P	purl
k2tog	knit two together
P2tog	purl two together
sts	stitches
st st	stocking stitch
YO	wrap yarn over the needle

PATTERN

Hat

- Pop the kettle on
- Using 4 ply yarn in yellow and some 3.25mm needles, cast on 36 stitches
- For the first 2 rows, you need to knit in rib (knit 1, purl 1, knit 1)
- Then work in stocking stitch for the next 6 rows
- Change to cream yarn and work 2 more rows in stocking stitch
- For the next row, *knit 4, knit 2 together (tog), knit 4, knit 2 tog and repeat from *to end of the row. (30 stitches)
- Then, starting with a purl row, use stocking stitch for the next 3 rows
- For the next row, knit 3, knit 2 tog, knit 3, knit 2 tog and repeat to end of the row. (24 stitches)
- Starting with a purl row, use stocking stitch for the next 3 rows
- For the next row, knit 2, knit 2 tog, knit 2, knit 2 tog and repeat to end of the row. (18 stitches)
- Then purl for a whole row
- For the next row, knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit 1, knit 2 tog and repeat to end of the row. (12 stitches)
- Then purl for a whole row (nearly there)
- And for the final row, knit 2 tog across all stitches, thread the end of the wool through the remaining stitches and bind off
- To make up the inside of the banana, sew the side seams together
- Have a cup of tea

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Peel

- Using yellow yarn, pick up 12 stitches horizontally from the yellow stocking stitch part of the banana
- Then for the first 6 rows, work in stocking stitch
- For the next row, knit 4, knit 2 tog, knit 2 tog, knit 4 to the end of the row. (10 stitches)
- Purl the next and all alternate rows
- For the next row, knit 3, knit 2 tog, knit 2 tog, knit 3 all the way to the end of the row. (8 stitches)
- Then knit 2, knit 2 tog, knit 2 tog, knit 2 to the end of the row (6 stitches)
- Then knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit 2 tog, knit 1 to the end of the row (4 stitches)
- And finally, knit 2 together twice, slip one stitch over the other and then bind off
- Repeat twice more to complete the banana peel and then pat yourself on the back for a job well done

MAKING UP

Sew up hat and sew in all ends

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