



Basket Weave Hat

Entrelac Knitting Basics

Materials: Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted (85% Wool, 15% Mohair, 100 gm. Skeins, 190 yds.) or similar weight yarn, in four colors as follows:

Main Color (MC): about 85 yds. (50 g)

Contrast Colors (C1, C2, & C3): about 30 yds. (20 g)
each of three colors.

Needles: 16" circular and one set of double-pointed needles #8 (or size to give gauge).

Gauge: 4 sts. per inch, stockinette stitch. Lamb's Pride and many other yarns relax a lot when washed; please wash your gauge swatch before measuring!

Hat Size: Adult Medium. Note: The size of the hat may be changed by changing the gauge: 4 sts/in will make a 20" cuff; 3¾ sts/in will make a 21" hat, etc.

Abbreviations and Special Stitches:

K = Knit

P = Purl

st or sts = stitch or stitches

SSK = Slip, Slip, Knit: Slip the next two stitches, ONE AT A TIME AS IF TO KNIT, then insert the point of the left-hand needle from left to right into the front loops and knit them together. This decrease slants to the left.

P2tog = Purl two together: purl the next two stitches together as if they were one.

Wrap: On the knit side: Slip the next stitch as if to purl, bring yarn to front, replace the slipped stitch onto the left needle, take yarn to back. **On the purl side:** Slip the next stitch as if to purl, take yarn to back, replace the slipped stitch onto the left needle, bring yarn to front.

Work Wrap = knitting or purling the wrap from the previous row together with the wrapped stitch: **On the knit side:** With the point of the right needle, pick up the front of the wrap, slip the wrapped stitch as if to knit, then insert the point of the left-hand needle from left to right into the front loops and knit the stitch and the wrap together (like SSK). **On the purl side:** Insert the point of the right needle, from the back, into the back loop of the wrap and place it on the left needle, then purl the stitch and the wrap together.

Knitting Back Backwards = Knitting from left to right on the right side of the fabric instead of turning the fabric over and purling. (Instructions are not included here, but it can make knitting the small triangles and squares faster, so it is a handy skill.)

Cuff

With MC and 16" needle, cast on 80 sts. Join in a circle without twisting and place a marker on needle. Knit each round until cuff measures 2" (the cuff will roll - unroll to measure).

Color Stripes

Row 1: Attach C1 (do not break off MC). Knit around to marker. Remove marker; with the point of the right needle, pick up from the back the MC stitch below the first C1 stitch on the



left needle and place it on the left needle; knit the MC and C1 sts together; replace marker. Note that the end of the round has pre-cessed one stitch to the left. This technique, adapted from Meg Swansen's "Jogless Jog", helps hides the "jog" that normally occurs when changing colors in circular knitting. **It is done only at the end of the first row of the new color.**

Row 2: With C1, purl 1 row. Cut off C1.

Row 3: With MC, knit around to marker. Remove marker; with the point of the right needle, pick up from the back the C1 stitch below the first MC stitch on the left needle and place it on the left needle; knit the MC and C1 sts together; replace marker.

Attach C2. Repeat the previous three rows, substituting C2 for C1.

Attach C3. Repeat the previous three rows, substituting C3 for C2.

With MC, knit 1 more row.

Decrease row: With MC, K 4; *SSK, K8*; repeat from to * around, ending last repeat K 4 (72 sts).

Base Triangles

Note: If you are "Knitting Back Backwards" instead of purling, "turn" indicates knitting in the opposite direction rather than turning the knitting over.

With MC:

Row 1: K 2, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 2: P 2, turn.

Row 3: K 2, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 4: P 3, turn.
 Row 5: K 3, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.
 Row 6: P 4, turn.
 Row 7: K 4, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.
 Row 8: P 5, turn.
 Row 9: K 5, Work wrap.

This completes the first triangle; there should be 6 stitches on the right-hand needle along the slope of the triangle.

Repeat rows 1 - 9 eleven more times for a total of 12 triangles.
 Cut off MC.

Right-leaning Squares

Turn over the work to the wrong side (even if you are Knitting Back Backwards). Attach C1 at the point of the right needle. Pick up and purl 5 sts, starting with the loop right below the first stitch on the right needle, along the side of the first triangle worked. Look at the base of the first stitch on the left needle; you should see two loops directly below it. Pick up the sixth stitch by inserting the tip of the right needle between the two loops toward the right side of the work; pick up the loop and put it on the left needle. Purl the loop just picked up and the first stitch on the left needle together. Turn.

Row 1: K 6, turn.

Row 2: P 5, P2tog (the last st of the square and the next st of the base triangle), turn.

Work these two rows four more times until the stitches of the base triangle are “eaten up”, except do not turn at the end of the last row.

Pick up and purl 6 sts as before along the side of the next triangle; work the 10 rows of the square as before.

Repeat the entire square until all the base triangles are knitted up.
 Break off C1.

Left-leaning Squares

With the right side facing, attach C2 at the tip of the right needle. Pick up and knit 5 sts along the side of the first C1 square worked. To work the sixth stitch, insert the point of the right needle under the C1 strand in the corner, slip the first stitch on the left needle as if to knit, then knit these two strands together as in SSK (they will be tight; if they are too tight, simply knit the first st on the left needle without picking up the strand - just make sure that this does not leave a hole in the corner). Turn.

Row 1: P 6, turn.

Row 2: K 5, SSK (one st from new square and one from old square together), turn.

Work these two rows four more times until the stitches of the C1 square are knitted up, except do not turn at the end of the last row. Repeat the picking-up and 10 rows of knitting until all the C1 squares are knitted up. Break off C2.

Third Row of Squares

With the wrong side facing, attach C3 at the tip of the right needle. Repeat the right leaning squares as above, EXCEPT the sixth stitch is picked up by inserting the point of the right needle from back to front under the strand in the corner, lifting it onto the left needle, and purling it together with the first stitch on the left needle.

Finishing Triangles

With the right side facing, Attach MC and pick up 6 sts as on the left-leaning squares; turn.

Row 1: P 2, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 2: K 1, SSK, turn.

Row 3: P 2, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 4: K 2, SSK, turn.

Row 5: P 3, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 6: K 3, SSK, turn.

Row 7: P 4, Work wrap, Wrap next st, turn.

Row 8: K 4, SSK, turn.

Row 9: P 5, Work wrap, turn.

Row 10: Slip first stitch as if to purl, K 4, SSK.

Repeat these 10 rows 11 more times until all the stitches of the C3 squares are knitted up. Place a marker on needle. Knit around to within one stitch of the marker. Now, in order to have the end of the round come at a convenient place for the decreases at the top of the hat, temporarily slip the first stitch on the left needle to the right needle, remove the marker, return the stitch to the left needle and replace the marker. There should be 72 sts on the needle.

Top of Hat

Change to double-pointed needles when necessary (probably row 7 or 9).

Row 1: *SSK, K 4*. Repeat from * to * around (60 sts).

Rows 2 & 3: Knit around.

Row 4: *SSK, K 3*. Repeat from * to * around (48 sts).

Rows 5 & 6: Knit around.

Row 7: *SSK, K 2*. Repeat from * to * around (36 sts).

Row 8: Knit around.

Row 9: *SSK, K 1*. Repeat from * to * around (24 sts).

Row 10: Knit around.

Row 11: SSK 12 times (12 sts).

Row 12: SSK 6 times (6 sts).

Finishing

Break yarn and thread end into a yarn needle. Thread through each stitch remaining on needles and pull up snug. Take thread through to the wrong side and weave in end. Weave in all yarn ends. Block hat by washing gently (squeeze out excess water in a towel) and lay out to dry.