
Easiest Garter Stitch Hat with Faith Hale

Chapter 1 - Garter Stitch Hat

Overview

(hip-hop music) - Hi there, I'm Faith Hale. I love to knit, and I've been teaching knitting for a number of years. And one question I get often is what is an ideal first project? Now everyone tends to go for the stereotypical scarf, but that can take a really long time because they're quite long. In my mind, the ideal first project is a hat. In this class, we're going to do a garter stitch hat using two colors. It'll be knit flat and seamed up afterwards, and we'll work knit two together decreases. You can change the look and style of this hat by switching up your colors, and it's ideal for both male and female heads.

Materials

- For materials, you'll need a size eight needle or size necessary to obtain gauge. I like circular needles, but you can use straights as long as they are long enough. You'll need about 16 inches. If you're using circulars, you'll want at least 24 inches. I also have two balls of worsted weight yarn. I really like the Chic Sheep by Marly Bird because it is 100% wool but it also is washable. If you're going to try using a different kind of yarn, check out the ball band and make sure it says 4, medium. That'll assure you that you have a worsted weight. Also, another helpful piece of information is our gauge right here. This tells us we're going to use a size eight needle and get 18 stitches per inch. Now, this gauge is written in stockinette, but I find that it comes pretty close to the width gauge when we're doing garter as well. I'm using this as my base color and this as my accent color, though if you wanted to use just one color you'll still need two balls. You'll also need a ruler. You can use any kind of ruler. This is just the fancy one I have in my kit. You'll need some scissors, a yarn needle, and split stitch markers. You can use circular stitch markers, but I like the split ones because you can take them out if you need to. You'll need about 10 of them. And don't forget to print out your PDF pattern.

Gauge swatch and knitting brim

Color change & shaping

Seaming & finishing