

## **Ruby Crest Hat and Mitts**

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Last year for my hubby Nick's 30th birthday, the only thing he wanted to do was hike the Ruby Crest Trail. The 35 mile stretch across the ridgeline of the Ruby Mountains in eastern Nevada had been on our bucket list for years. We get out to the Ruby Mountains to camp and hike as often as we can but we hadn't attempted the big trail yet so we decided to go for it. Finally seeing the remote nooks and crannies of those mountains was amazing and it's some of the most beautiful country we've experienced to date.

The ridges and valleys of the Ruby Mountains inspired this design. As I was trying to figure out what to make for Nick for Christmas and this squishy garter stitch pattern with slipped stitch detailing just popped into my head. Nick loves just about anything I make him, but I knew this would quickly become one of his favorites-- especially since it is inspired by one of our favorite places.

The Fibre Co.'s Terra is perfect for this hat and mitt set-- warm, textured, and just delightful to knit with! The slipped stitch "seams" create interest and give the hat and mitts a unique ridged look and are perfect for an intermediate knitter. I love the way that the Terra yarn has little slubs of texture throughout which gives the overall look of the set a rustic feel. I hope you enjoy wearing this set as much as Nick does!

### **Materials:**

- 4 Skeins of Fibre Company Terra -2 of color A and 2 of color B (Shown in Black Locust Bark and Wild Clary.)
- US 7 16" Circular needle
- US 7 Double Point Needles
- Tapestry Needle for finishing

### **Measurements:**

Hat:

M- 20" Circ. & 7.25" tall

L-22" Circ. & 7.75" tall

Gloves:

M- 7"-8" Hand circ. & 7.5" long

L- 8"-9" Hand Circ. & 8" long

### **Gauge:**

18sts = 4" in Garter Stitch

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**Abbreviations:**

- k- knit
- p- purl
- st(s)- stitch(es)
- ssk- slip the first stitch knitwise and the second stitch purlwise, insert the needle into the front of both sts and knit.
- p2tog- purl the next two stitches together
- M1R- pick up the bar between two stitches where specified with your left needle from back to front. Knit this picked up stitch through the front loop.
- M1L- pick up the bar between two stitches where specified with your left needle from front to back. Knit this picked up stitch through the back loop.
- sl 1 st- slip the next stitch with yarn in back.
- co- cast on
- bo- bind off
- pm- place marker
- rnd- round

**Directions:**

\*Directions written for smallest size with larger size in parenthesis.

**Hat:**

- CO 84 (90) sts with Color A and 16" circular needle.
- Join for knitting in the round.
- \*K1, P1; repeat from\* to end of rnd.
- Continue working in K1, P1 ribbing until piece measures 1.25."

**-Slipped Stitch Pattern:**

- Rnd 1: \*sl st (color A), knit 13 (14) sts with color B; repeat from \* to end of rnd.
- Rnd 2: \*sl st (color A), purl 13 (14) sts with color B; repeat from \* to end of rnd.
- Rnd 3: knit entire rnd with color A.
- Rnd 4: \*k1, p 13 (14) sts with color A; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

\*Repeat Rnds 1-4 until piece measures 5.25" (5.5") ending with a Rnd 4.

**-Decreases:**

- Rnd 1: \*sl st (color A), with color B- k to next sl st; repeat from \* to end of rnd.
- Rnd 2: \*sl st (color A), with color B- p2tog, k to 2 sts before next sl st, p2tog; repeat from \* to end of rnd.
- Rnd 3: k entire rnd with color A.
- Rnd 4: \*k1, p2tog, p to 2 sts before next sl st, p2tog; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

\*Repeat Rnds 1-4 twice more and then follow the directions for the remaining rnds as follows, refer to stitch counts below as needed and switching to double point needles when necessary:

- Rnd 13: \*sl st (color A), with color B- k to next sl st; repeat from \* to end of rnd.
- Rnd 14 (Med): \*ssk; repeat from \* to end of rnd. Skip to finishing.
- Rnd 14 (Lg): \*sl st (color A), P2tog; repeat from \*to end of rnd.
- Rnd 15 (Lg only): k entire rnd with color A.
- Rnd 16 (Lg only): \*ssk; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

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#### Decrease Stitch Counts:

Rnd 2: 72 (78)  
Rnd 4: 60 (66)  
Rnd 6: 48 (54)  
Rnd 8: 36 (42)  
Rnd 10: 24 (30)  
Rnd 12: 12 (18)  
Rnd 14: 6 (12)  
Rnd 16: -- (6)

Finishing: Cut an 8" and run through remaining 6 sts. Turn hat inside out, tie off and weave in all ends. Wet or steam block your hat.

#### Mitts (Make 2):

\*Directions are written for reversing colors A & B as the main color for the mitts as pictured. Feel free to swap the directions and keep A as the main color and B as the contrast if you prefer an exact match for your set.

-CO 36 (40) sts with Color B.

-Divide evenly onto double point needles and join for working in the round.

-Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1.25".

#### -Slipped Stitch Pattern:

-Rnd 1: \*sl st (color B), knit 17 (19) sts with color A; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

-Rnd 2: \*sl st (color B), purl 17 (19) sts with color A; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

-Rnd 3: knit entire rnd with color B.

-Rnd 4: \*k1, p 17 (19) sts with color B; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

\*Repeat rnds 1-4 until mitt measures 3.5" (4") ending with a rnd 4.

#### -Thumb Gusset Increases:

-Rnd 1: sl st (color B), k 17 (19) sts, place marker, M1R, sl st (color B), M1L, place marker, k to end of rnd.

-Rnd 2: sl st (color B), p to next sl st (slipping marker as needed), sl st, p to end of rnd (slipping marker as needed).

-Rnd 3: k to marker, slip marker, M1R, k to next marker, M1L, slip marker, k to end of rnd.

-Rnd 4: k1, p to next sl st (slipping marker as needed), k1, p to end of rnd (slipping marker as needed).

\*Repeat rnds 1-4 until there are 9 (11) sts between the stitch markers ending with a rnd 4. Note: for size Lg, you will end on a rnd 2 with 11 sts, knit rnds 3 & 4 without increases.

#### -Finishing Thumb:

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-Rnd 1: \*sl st (color B), with color A- k to next sl st, sl st, k to end of rnd.

-Rnd 2: sl st (color B), with color A- p to next sl st, sl st, p to end of rnd.

-Rnd 3: Knit entire rnd with color B.

-Rnd 4: With color B- k1, p to marker and remove, bo all sts between markers (purling all sts), remove 2<sup>nd</sup> marker, p to end of rnd.

**-Hand and Finishing:**

-Rnd 1: sl st (color B), k to end of rnd with color A, rejoining gap between thumb as snugly as possible.

-Rnd 2: sl st (color B), p to end of rnd with color A.

-Rnd 3: Knit entire round with color B.

-Rnd 4: With Color B- k1, p to end of rnd.

\*repeat rnds 1-4 once more (stop here for Size Med.), then repeat rnds 1 & 2 again (Size Lg only.).

-Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1.25" or until hand measures desired length. Bind off by knitting the knits and purling the purls using a larger needle if need be for a loose bind off.

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