

MERAKI



Meraki is a simple gradient hat, knit in stockinette stitch from brim to crown. You can wear the hat slouchy or folded for a thicker brim. Experiment with a tonal colour palette or go wild with some variegated or speckled yarns! Don't be afraid to pull from your stash and play around with club colours, this quick and easy knit will help eat up those unused bits of yarn you have in your stash.

Finished Measurements: 20.5" / 52cm circumference. 10" / 25cm long from CO to top.

Yarn: Sock Yarn held double (approx.. DK weight) - 3 skeins used.

Yardage: 393 yards total. Approx. 131 yards of each skein used

Gauge: 24 sts and 32 rows = 4" / 10cm in stockinette stitch

Needles & Notions: 40" US 6 / 4mm and 3.5mm - circular Magic loop method is used for knitting in the round. Stitch markers & tapestry needle.

Shown in Hedgehog Fibres Sock Yarn (90% Merino, 10% Nylon; 437yds/400m per 100g).
Colourways used: Rusty Nail, Monarch and Seed.



INSTRUCTIONS

How To Gradient Yarns:

I worked with two total strands of sock yarn held together. When I was ready to start changing colours, I removed one strand and replaced it with one lighter strand of yarn. I chose three colours with similar tonal qualities and shaded from darkest to light, so be sure to include one dark, one medium and one lighter colourway for it to be a successful gradient.

Colour A is your dark colour, Colour B should be your medium tone and Colour C should be the lightest of colours. Work two strands of Colour A together, replace one strand of A with one strand of B and repeat.

Suggested Colourways for gradients (all Hedgehog Fibres colourways):

- Pollen, Aroma, Hush
- Electric, Medusa, Lagoon
- Banana Legs, Envy, Shamrock
- Villain, Jelly, Harajuku
- Rusty Nail, Pollen, Monarch
- Pollen, Monarch, Silence
- Boombox, Birthday Cake, Hush
- Graphite, Cinder, Typewriter
- Hurricane, Spell, Purple Reign
- Skinny Dip, Glacier, Down By The River

Abbreviations:

- CO: cast on
- k: knit
- k2tog: knit 2 together
- PM: place marker
- Rnds: rounds
- Sts: stitches

Instructions:

Brim:

3.5mm needle: Using two strands of Colour A, CO 112 sts using long tail method. PM and join to work in the round. Begin working a 2x2 rib pattern as follows:

Rnd 1: (K2, P2) repeat to end of round

Repeat round 1 until fabric measures 3 inches.

Body:

Switch to 4mm needle: Drop one strand of colour A and replace with one strand of colour B. Begin knitting in stockinette stitch for the entire round. Continue knitting in stockinette st for 1 inch.

After one inch, drop second strand of Colour A and pick up the other strand of Colour B. Continue knitting entire round in stockinette for 1.5 inches. After approx. 1.5 inches drop a strand of Colour B and pick up a strand of Colour C. Knit stockinette for 1 inch.

Decreasing:

The crown is knit in all of Colour C, so drop remaining strand of B and pick up second strand of C.

Setup Rnd: (Knit 14 sts, PM), repeat to end of round.

Rnd 1: (Knit to 2 sts before maker, K2tog), repeat to end of round.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until 8 sts remain. Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Draw the yarn tail through the remaining live sts with a tapestry needle and pull to close top of hat. Weave in all ends and block your hat.