April Hat

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Kelbourne Woolens Year of Hats

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Specifications

YARN

Kelbourne Woolens Germantown (100% N. American wool; 220 yds/100 gm skein): salmon 667, 1 skein.

GAUGE

17 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Puff Stitch on larger needles, after blocking.

NEEDLES

1 – 16" (40 cm) US 6 (4 mm) circular.
1 – 16" (40 cm) US 7 (4.5 mm) circular.
1 – set US 7 (4.5 mm) DPNs.
Check your gauge and adjust needle size(s) accordingly if necessary.

NOTIONS

Size G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, pom pom maker, Kelbourne Woolens label, sewing thread, sharp sewing needle.

SIZE

16.75" (43 cm), brim circumference, unstretched; 28.25" (71.75 cm) body circumference; 8" (20.25 cm) height.

SKILLS

Knitting, purling, bobbles, twisted stitches, Puff Stitch, pompom.

Worthy of Note

The April hat is worked in the round from the bottom up. The ribbing on the brim is worked in a faux cable pattern with twisted stitches. There is an increase row worked before beginning the body of the hat, which creates a beret shape. The Puff Stitch pattern is worked with a crochet hook, inserting the hook into the space between stitches a few rows below, and creating floats on the right side of the work. The stitch takes a bit of practice, but is fun to do!

Abbrevations

MB (Make Bobble): (K1, p1, k1) into same st, turn, p3tog, turn, slip st onto RH ndl.

Puff Stitch Right:

1) Insert crochet hook from front to back three rows down (count the horizontal bars, aka "running threads") under the horizontal bar linking the stitch knit through the back loop to the stitch to the right of it.
2) Pull a loop through the work. Insert hook into the space above the horizontal bar and pull a loop through the work. Insert hook under once more and pull a loop through. All loops should be the same length, approx. ½ inch.
3) Place all three loops onto LH ndl, k3tog tbl.

Puff Stitch Left:

1) Insert crochet hook from front to back four rows down (count the horizontal bars, aka "running threads") under the horizontal bar linking the stitch knit through the back look to the stitch to the left of it.
2) Pull a loop through the work. Insert hook into the space above the horizontal bar and pull a loop through the work. Insert hook under once more and pull a loop through. All loops should be the same length, approx. ½ inch.
3) Place all three loops onto LH ndl, k3tog tbl.

*For the Puff Stitch Left, you will work the stitch four rows below, not three, because you have knit two stitches past the "k1tbl."

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kelbournewoolens.com/abbreviations.

Useful Tips

For a tutorial on working from charts, visit:
kelbournewoolens.com/tips-and-tricks/working-from-charts

For a tutorial on working the puff stitch, visit:
kelbournewoolens.com/blog/2019/4/year-of-hats-april-hat

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Stitch Patterns

Eyelet Ribbing (in the rnd over a mult of 6):
Rnd 1: *K1tbl, p1, k3, p1; rep from * around.
Rnd 2: *K1tbl, p1, (sl1, k2, psso), p1; rep from * around.
Rnd 3: *k1tbl, p1, k2, p1; rep from * around.
Rnd 4: *k1tbl, p1, k1, yo, k1, p1; rep from * around.
Repeat Rnds 1–4 for patt.

Puff Stitch (in the rnd over a mult of 8):
Rnd 1: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 2: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 3: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 4: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 5: *K1tbl, k1, Puff Stitch Right, k2, k1tbl, k2, Puff Stitch Left, k1; rep from * around.
Rnd 6: *K1tbl, k2tog, k2, MB, k2, ssk; rep from * around.
Rnd 7: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 8: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 9: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 10: *K1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 11: *K1tbl, k2, Puff Stitch Left, k1, k1tbl, k1, Puff Stitch Right, k2; rep from * around.
Rnd 12: *MB, k2tog, k2, k1tbl, k2, ssk; rep from * around.
Repeat Rnds 1–12 for patt.

Puff Stitch Chart

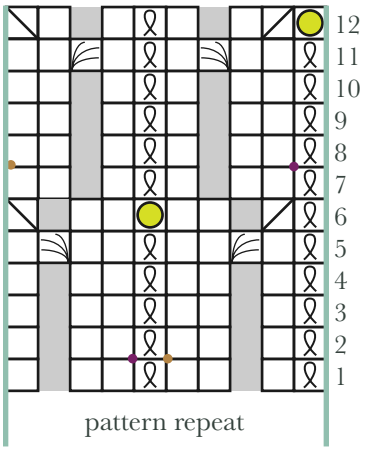

Chart Key

- Knit
- K1tbl
- K2tog
- Ssk
- no stitch
- MB (Make Bobble)
- Puff Stitch Right
- Puff Stitch Left
- Insert Hook (Right)
- Insert Hook (Left)

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Directions

BRIM:
Using smaller ndls, CO 90 sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. PM indicating beg of rnd.

Work Rnds 1–4 of Eyelet Ribbing for 1.75", ending after working a Rnd 2 – 75 sts on ndls after working Rnd 2.

Increase For Body:
Next Rnd (Inc): *K1tbl, k1f+b, k1f+b, k1, k1f+b; rep from * around – 120 sts.

Change to larger ndls.

BODY:
Work Rnds 1–12 of Puff Stitch twice, then Rnds 1–4 once more.

Begin Crown Decreases:
Rnd 1 (Dec): *K1tbl, k1, Puff Stitch Right, k2, k1tbl, k2, Puff Stitch Left, k1, k1tbl, s2kp, k1tbl, k3, k1tbl, k3, k1tbl, s2kp; rep from * around – 110 sts; 20 sts dec'd, 10 sts inc'd.
Rnd 2 (Dec): *K1tbl, k2tog, k2, MB, k2, ssk, k1tbl, k1, (k1tbl, k3) twice, k1tbl, k1; rep from * around – 100 sts.
Rnd 3: *(K1tbl, k3) twice, k1tbl, k1; rep from * around.
Rnd 4 (Dec): *K1tbl, s2kp, k1tbl, s2kp, k1tbl, k1, (k1tbl, k3) twice, k1tbl, k1; rep from * around – 80 sts.
Rnd 5: *(K1tbl, k1) 3 times, (k1tbl, k3) twice, k1tbl, k1; rep from * 3 times more, (k1tbl, k1) 3 times, (k1tbl, k3) twice, sl 2 sts tog onto rh ndl as if to k, remove m.
Rnd 6 (Dec): K1, p2sso (from prev rnd), slip st just worked onto lh ndl, replace m, slip st back onto rh ndl, k1, k1tbl, k1, s2kp, k3, k1tbl, k3, *s2kp, k1, k1tbl, k1, s2kp, k3, k1tbl, k3; rep from * 3 times more – 60 sts.
Rnd 7: *(K1tbl, k1) 3 times, Puff Stitch Right, k2, k1tbl, k2, Puff Stitch Left, k1; rep from * around – 70 sts.
Rnd 8 (Dec): *k1tbl, s2kp, k1tbl, k2tog, k2, MB, k2, ssk; rep from * around – 50 sts.
Rnd 9: *K1tbl, k1, k1tbl, k3, k1tbl, k3; rep around.
Rnd 10 (Dec): *s2kp, k3, k1tbl, k3; rep from * around – 40 sts
Rnd 11: *K1tbl, k3, k1tbl, k3; rep from * around.
Rnd 12 (Dec): *k1tbl, s2kp; rep from * around – 20 sts.
Rnd 13: *k1tbl, k1; rep from * around.
Rnd 14 (Dec): *k2tog; rep from * around – 10 sts.

FINISHING:
Break yarn. Thread through live stitches 2–3 times and fasten off. Weave in remaining ends. Soak in cool water and wool wash, and block to measurements.

Pom Pom:
Make a 2" diameter pompom with remaining yarn. Secure pom pom to hat and tie off inside.

Label:
Using sewing thread and a sharp sewing needle sew-on Kelbourne Woolens label to brim as shown.

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