

BASKET STITCH BEANIE

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless yarn specified is used, African Expressions cannot accept the responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Original garment worked in one size only.

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MATERIALS: LOVE (50g balls)
1 ball Love, Col. 3071
One pair each of 5.5mm and 6mm knitting needles.

MEASUREMENTS:

To fit an average size head.

THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR THE SMALLEST SIZE, WITH THE LARGER SIZES IN BRACKETS; WHERE ONLY ONE FIGURE IS GIVEN, IT APPLIES TO ALL SIZES.

TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION

15sts and 21 rows = 10cm over basket stitch. FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION.

IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH, USE THINNER NEEDLES;
IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER NEEDLES.

ABBREVIATIONS:

alt = alternate; **k** = knit; **p** = purl; **rep** = repeat; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **st st** = stocking stitch; **tog** = together; **WRS** = wrong side row.

STITCHES USED:

SINGLE RIB:

K1, p1, repeat to end.

BASKET STITCH:

1st row: knit

2nd row: purl

3rd row: k3, p3 to end row

4th - 6th row: rep 3rd row

7th & 8th row: rep 1st and 2nd rows

9th row: p3, k3 to end of row

10th – 12th rows: rep 9th row

Using 5.5mm needles, cast on 84 sts. Work 3cm single rib. Change to 6mm needles and rep basket stitch pattern twice. Length can be adjusted here.

Shape crown: worked in st st.

1st row: k1, k2tog, *(k4, k2tog) rep from * to last 3sts, k to end.

2nd and every WSR: purl

3rd row: k2tog, *(k3, k2tog) rep from * to last 3 sts, k to end.

5th row: k3, *(k2, k2tog) rep from * to last 3 sts, k to end

7th row: k2tog to end of row

Cut yarn leaving a tail long enough to draw up stitches and sew up side seam. Using a darning needle thread the tail through the sts on the needle and draw up sts. Make a stitch to secure the thread and sew up.

Decorate with buttons.

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