Welted Cap

Designed by Edie Eckman

Directions are for Small; changes for Medium are in parentheses.

RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton™ Blend": 1 skein each 1340 Almond **A** and 1373 Linen Marl **B**.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] circular and double-pointed needles.

Stitch markers.
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" in Striped Welt Pattern.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

Head Circumference: 18 (21)"

Note: Hat is worked in rounds on circular needle. Change to double pointed needles as is necessary.

Pattern Stitch:
Striped Welt Pattern
Round 1: With **B**, knit.
Rounds 2-4: With **B**, purl.
Rounds 5-6: With **A**, knit.
Repeat Rounds 1-6 for pattern.

HAT
With **A**, cast on 76 (86) sts. Join to work in rounds, being careful not to twist sts. Place a marker for beginning of round.
Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.
Repeat Round 1 until ribbing measures 11/2".
Knit 1 round, inc 2 (4) sts evenly spaced – 78 (90) sts.
Beginning with Round 1, work in Striped Welt Pattern until piece measures 5 (51/2)" from beginning, end with Round 4 of pattern.

Shape Crown
Next Round: With **A**, *k4, k2tog; repeat from * around – 65 (75) sts.
Work 2 rounds Striped Welt Pattern.
Next Round: With **B**, *p3, p2tog; repeat from * around – 52 (60) sts.
Work 2 rounds Striped Welt Pattern.
Next Round: With **A**, *k2, k2tog; repeat from * around – 39 (45) sts.
Next Round: With **A**, *k1, k2tog; repeat from * around – 26 (30) sts.
Next Round: With **A**, *k2tog; repeat from * around – 13 (15) sts.
Last Round: With **B**, p1, [p2tog] around.
Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining sts, pull tight and knot to secure.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

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RED HEART® "Eco-Cotton Blend™",
Art.E749 (3 ounce/145 yard ball).

ABBREVIATIONS: A, **B**, etc= color A, B, etc; **inc =** increase; **K** = knit; **P** = purl. **mm =** millimeters; **st(s) =** stitch(es); **tog =** together; *** or ** =** repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.