

PIXIE HAT

Designed by John Mullarkey

Difficulty rating: Beginner weaving; intermediate construction.

Overview: 16 squares are required for this hat plus 3 extra squares for the flower accent.

Finished size: Medium

Yarn: Regia Hand-Dye Effect (70% super wash wool/25% polyamide/5% acrylic, 100g/462 yd per ball), slow color change sock yarn. 1 skein of Greens #6554 and 1 in Purples #6553. Also needed: a small amount of worsted weight brown yarn for stitching the squares together.

Quantities for hat:

8 squares of green

8 squares of purple

Quantities for flower and leaves:

2 squares of green

1 square of purple

For assembly, a dark brown worsted weight yarn is used to stitch the squares together.

Assembly:

With the squares on point, one corner of a square is laid on top of a corner of a second square. Repeat for a total of 8. For the second row, the corners are overlapped in the opposite direction. The two rows butt against each other and do not overlap.

The solid black line in the illustration at the right is the stitching line. The squares are sewn together with a decorative X stitch which zigzags back and forth from the brim to the top. (Hint: You may find it helpful to pin all of the squares together prior to stitching.) When all of the squares have been stitched together, join the ends into a loop and zigzag stitch closed in the same fashion as you stitched the other squares. You will notice that will be small gaps (shown by dashed lines) that will need to be stitched closed.

Create the crown: The curved arrows in the illustration indicate where the corners of the squares are pulled together by the decorative stitching to create the crown of the hat. After all the squares have been joined together, thread yarn through all of the corners and gather them tightly.

Make the flower and leaves:

Take the purple square, fold it in half, then in half again to find the center point of the square. At the center, pull the two crossing threads out so that the square bunches up. Tie the pulled threads together in a square knot to secure.

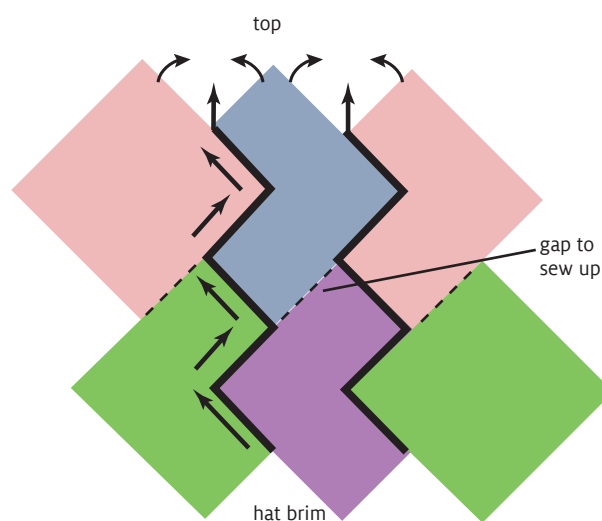
To make a leaf, take a green square and at one corner, pull on one loop to bunch up the square at the corner. Form the leaf shape with your fingers and knot the loop to secure. Repeat for the remaining green square.

Arrange the leaves and flower on the crown of the hat and stitch to secure.

To wear, fold up the bottom edge for a pointy hat brim.



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Assemble the squares

Overlap the squares in one direction for the first row, and in the opposite direction for the second row.

To develop the hat pattern, John used 3" x 3" square post-it notes.

