

HOW TO

Knit a ski hat with Mati Ventrillon



NOTE When working colourwork sections, strand colour not in use evenly across the back (wrong side) of your work. All chart rows should be read from right to left.

YARN Jamieson's of Shetland Spindrift 4 ply weight, 100% Shetland wool, 105m per 25g ball, 2 x 101 Natural Black MC, 1 x 104 Natural white

SIZE Head circumference S44 cm, M52cm, L60cm. Actual hat circumference at brim S40cm, M48cm, L56cm. Hat length with brim unfolded 28cm. Brim folded 22.5cm.

This design is based on the hats produced for après-skiing, with a folded rib to add extra warmth around the ears and a pom-pom in a contrasting colour. The motif arrangement is one of the most traditional ones, with the Fivey Flooers and the Muckle Flooers creating 'bands' within the design in addition to the background bands of colour.

TENSION 30 stitches and 34 rounds/rows to 10cm/4in, measured over blocked stranded colourwork, using 2.75mm (US 2, UK 12) needles. If necessary, change your needle size to achieve the stated tension.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS One set of 2.25mm (US 1, UK 13) double-pointed needles or long circular needle for magic loop method • One set 2.75mm (US 2, UK 12) double-pointed needles or long circular needle for magic loop method • One stitch marker plus four (5: 6) stitch markers, in a contrasting colour (optional) • Tapestry needle • Pom-pom-making tools

INSTRUCTIONS With MC and smaller needles, make a slip knot and place on needle as the first st, leaving a long tail for casting on. Cast on 1 st using the long-tail cast-on method, then cast on 2 sts using the twisted German cast-on method. *Cast on 2 sts using the long-tail cast-on method, cast on 2 sts using the twisted German cast-on method; repeat from * until there are 120 (144: 168) sts on the needle. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place marker for beginning of round. The hat can be worked entirely from the chart, repeating the 24-stitch

pattern 5 (6: 7) times per round. If this is your preferred method, follow chart to end, changing to larger needles when rib is complete, and then follow Round 97 as written below – this round is not shown on chart. Alternatively, follow written pattern below and refer to chart for colourwork section only.

BRIM Rib Round: *K2, p2; rep from * to end of round. Work Rib Round another 18 times. Round 20 (fold): Purl to end of round. Alt Rib Round: *P2, k2; rep from * to end of round. Work Alt Rib Round another 17 times.

MAIN SECTION Change to larger needles. Work colourwork section, following Rows 39–83 of chart, repeating the 24-stitch pattern 5 (6:7) times per round, and placing markers every 24 sts to denote repeats, if desired, on first of these rounds. Colourwork section is now complete.

Round 84: With colour indicated on chart for your colourway, knit to end of round, removing any pattern repeat markers as you come to them.

Crown decreases

Round 85: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end of round. 15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 105 (126: 147) sts.

Round 86: Knit to end of round.

Round 87: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end of round. 15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 90 (108: 126) sts.

Round 88: Knit to end of round.

Round 89: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end of round. 15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 75 (90: 105) sts.

Round 90: Knit to end of round.

Round 91: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end of round.

15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 60 (72: 84) sts.

Round 92: Knit to end of round.

Round 93: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end of round.

15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 45 (54: 63) sts.

Round 94: Knit to end of round.

Round 95: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end of round.

15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 30 (36: 42) sts.

Round 96: *K2tog; rep from * to end of round. 15 (18: 21) sts dec'd. 15 (18: 21) sts.

Round 97 (not shown on chart): K1 (0: 1), *k2tog; rep from * to end of round. 7 (9: 10) sts dec'd. 8 (9: 11) sts.

FINISHING Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull firmly to fasten, being careful not to break yarn. Weave in ends and block to measurements given at the beginning of the pattern. Fold brim back at Round 14 and catch in place if desired with whip stitches.

POMPOM Using one contrasting colour, make a medium-size pompom. Use a double strand of yarn to secure the centre, leaving enough length to secure to the crown. Trim the pompom to shape, and secure to the crown with the extra length of yarn. Weave in the ends on the inside around the closed stitches.

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