



Rastafarian Reggae Hat, Toque, Slouch Cap c. 2016 Margaret MacInnis

Hat is worked in thicker ribbing with yarn held double, then in the much higher gauge stockinette/reverse, with yarn worked single in the body. Judicious increasing at the rib to stockinette junction provides shaping to give a defined slouch to the back of the hat. Longer interval decreases with alternate stockinette continue this look for a decidedly slouchy topped rasta/reggae-hat. You can opt to change colors in the ribbing and/or in the alternate stockinette/reverse stockinette.

Yarns

Berocco Ultra Alpaca, KnitPicks Swish Worsted, Cascade 220, Tahki Yarns Donegal Tweed

C (S) 2.75 oz/80 g/175 yds/160 m

(M, L) 3.5oz/100g 220 yds/200 m

As shown: Tahki Yarns Donegal Tweed in Teal doubled with KnitPicks Swish Worsted in Jade for ribbing, used KnitPicks Swish Jade singly for body, alternated with Cascade 220 in Orange.

Changing Color

(see Appendix about avoiding jogs in both color changes and reverse stockinette rounds)

If you wish to work stripes in the ribbing: Add new color double strand by knitting it into the ribbing for one round, then resume rib.

If you wish to change colors prior to purling: Always change color on a knit round before the purl round or on a knit round after the purl round.

If you wish to work stripes in the stockinette/reverse stockinette: Add new color single strand by knitting it into the first stockinette round. Do not change colors in the purling rounds unless you like that effect.

Gauges

12.5-14 sts/16 rnds to 4" or 10cm over rib with yarn held double (rnd gauge unimportant)

18 sts/26 rnds to 4" or 10cm over stockinette st yarn held single

Needles for gauge: I used 6.0—US 9 for ribbing and 5.0—US 7 for remainder using 16” circular. Could also be worked on longer circular using Magic Loop, or single 16” circular with dpns for top decreasing.

Swatch to determine your gauge in doubled yarn ribbing and in singled yarn stockinette and to avoid sizing disappointments.

Sizes

Size **C** (fits child head 18-19”—finished hat is 17” circ)

Size **S** (fits adult small/teen head 20-21”—finished hat is 18.5” circ)

Size **M** (fits adult medium head 21.5-23”—finished hat is 20.5” circ)

Size **L** (fits adult large head 23.5-25”—finished hat is 22” circ)