

Handa Island hat



Required: 100g Prism wool & cotton twist (chunky yarn); 5.5mm needles & 6mm needles.

To fit: average head

Tension: 14 stitches x 19 rows = 4 inches, using 6mm needles

Using 6mm needles, cast on 66 stitches.
Stocking stitch 20 rows (4 inches).

Change to 5.5mm needles and stocking stitch 4 rows.

Change to 6mm needles.

Abbreviations:

LT (left twist) = With right needle behind left needle, miss one stitch and knit second stitch through the back. Insert right needle into the backs of both the missed stitch and the second stitch and knit together through the backs.

RT (right twist) = Knit 2 together, leaving stitches on left needle. Insert right needle from the front between the 2 stitches knitted together and knit the first stitch again, then slip both stitches from the needle together.

- knit
- knit
- knit
- purl
- knit 1, *(LT, knit 4, RT) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- purl
- knit 2, *(LT, knit 2, RT, knit 2) repeat from * to end
- purl
- knit 3, *(LT, RT, knit 4) repeat from * to last 7 stitches, LT, RT, knit 3
- purl
- knit 4, *(RT, knit 6) repeat from * to last 6 stitches, RT, knit 4
- purl

- knit 3, *(RT, LT, knit 4) repeat from * to last 7 stitches, RT, LT, knit 3
- purl
- knit 2, *(RT, knit 2, LT, knit 2) repeat from * to end
- purl
- knit 1, *(RT, knit 4, LT) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- purl
- knit 8, *(LT, knit 6) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- knit
- knit 2 together, knit 19, knit 2 together, knit 19, knit 2 together, knit to end – 63 stitches
- purl

Shape crown:

- knit 5, *(slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 7) repeat from * to last 8 stitches, slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 5 – 51 stitches
- purl
- knit 4, *(slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 5) repeat from * to last 7 stitches, slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 4 – 39 stitches
- purl
- knit 3, *(slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 3) repeat from * to last 6 stitches, slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 3 – 27 stitches
- purl
- knit 2, *(slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1 – 15 stitches
- purl
- cast off loosely

Join back seam leaving cast off stitches open to pull your hair through. If wanted thread some thin elastic around the cast off stitches. Roll or fold up the cast on edge.

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