

Isle of Skye hat

*Using super chunky yarn and small needles makes a really thick, warm hat.
If you want a bigger hat use 6mm needles.*



Required: 200g Merino Roving Super Chunky yarn from the Handspinner Having Fun on the Isle of Skye; 5.5mm needles.

Tension: 3.5 stitches = 1 inch

Method:

Using 5.5mm needles, cast on 72 stitches.
Stocking stitch 12 rows (approx 3 inches)

Pattern:

Right side of hat:

- *(purl 8, knit 2 together but do not slip stitches off left needle, knit the first of these 2 stitches again, then slip both stitches off the needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 8) repeat from * to end
- *(purl 8, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 8) repeat from * to end

Repeat the last 4 rows until work measures approx 8½ inches, ending with row 2.

Shape crown:

- *(purl 6, purl 2 together, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2 - 65 stitches
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 7) repeat from * to end

- *(purl 5, purl 2 together, knit 2 together but do not slip stitches off left needle, knit the first of these 2 stitches again, then slip both stitches off the needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2 - 58 stitches
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 6) repeat from * to end
- *(purl 4, purl 2 together, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2 - 51 stitches
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 5) repeat from * to end
- *(purl 3, purl 2 together, knit 2 together but do not slip stitches off left needle, knit the first of these 2 stitches again, then slip both stitches off the needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2 - 44 stitches
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 4) repeat from * to end
- *(purl 2, purl 2 together, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle), repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2 - 37 stitches
- knit 2, *(purl 2, knit 2 together, knit 1), repeat from * to end - 30 stitches
- *(purl 2 together, knit 2 together), repeat from * to end - 15 stitches

Break yarn, thread through the remaining stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Join row ends. Let the bottom of the hat curl naturally.



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