

## Alice Band Hat



**Size:** Round face 15½ inches x depth 12 ½ inches

**Required:** 50g double knitting yarn plus oddments for stripes; 3.75mm & 3mm needles; 15 inch Alice Band.

Using 3.75mm needles and main colour, cast on 4 stitches.

Work 2 rows in stocking stitch.

1. Using contrast colour, knit 1, inc [by lifting thread before next stitch, placing it on the needle and knitting into the back of it], knit 2, increase as before, knit 1.
2. knit
3. Using main colour, knit 2, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 2. – 8 stitches
4. Purl
5. Using contrast 2, knit 3, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 3. – 10 stitches
6. Knit
7. Using main colour, knit 4, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 4. – 12 stitches
8. Purl
9. Using contrast, knit 5, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 5. – 14 stitches
10. Knit
11. Using main colour, knit 6, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 6. – 16 stitches
12. Purl
13. Knit 7, increase, knit 2, increase, knit 7. – 18 stitches
14. Purl

These 14 rows form the pattern. Continue to increase each side of the 2 central stitches every right side row, repeat rows 1 to 14 twice more, then work the first 10 rows again – 56 stitches.

Without shaping, work 4 rows stocking stitch in main colour, then 14 rows of pattern.

Then decrease thus:

1. Using contrast, knit 25, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 25.
2. knit
3. Using main colour, knit 24, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 24.
4. purl

Keeping pattern correct, continue to decrease each side of the 2 central stitches, every right side row until 4 stitches remain, after 2 rows in contrast. Work 2 rows stocking stitch in Main colour. Cast off.

### Complete the Front Edge:

Using 3mm needles and main colour, knit up 80 stitches evenly along front edge. Beginning with a purl row, work 12 rows of stocking stitch. Cast off. Fold this border and hem to wrong side.

### Complete the Back Edge:

Using 3mm needles and main colour, knit up 80 stitches along the back edge, including the cast-on and cast-off stitches, and upper fold of hem each side. Knit 2 rows. Cast off.

### To make up:

Press lightly. Insert Alice Band through hem and secure in position each side.



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