



Bzzz Beanie

Size

12-18 months

Size shown is for 12 -18 months (17" on outside circumference).

You can make the hat smaller or larger by adding or subtracting 10 stitches. If you add or subtract stitches, repeat row 17 of the decrease (*ssk, repeat from * to end of round) if you need to to get down to 3 or 4 stitches for your i-cord stinger. If you have an odd number of stitches on row 18 just knit the last stitch. You can do an i-cord with 3 or 4 stitches and it will look great either way.

Finished measurements

Outside circumference - 17"

Length - 7.25"

Materials

1 hank each of Blue Sky Alpacas Worsted Cotton in #638 Dandelion (A) and #621 Espresso (B),

Two size 7 (4.5 mm) 24" circular needles (or size to obtain gauge)

Darning needle.

Gauge

18 stitches = 4"

26 rows = 4"

Directions

Cast on 80 stitches with Dandelion (A). Divide the stitches evenly onto two circular needles (40 stitches on each needle). Join in the round making sure that your stitches are not twisted. When I am knitting in the round with two circular needles I can always tell the beginning of my round by the tail of the cast-on hanging down at the right of my work so there is no need to place a marker. Whenever I get to the tail I know I am starting a new round. If you have never knit in the round with two circulars there is a very good tutorial at:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/2-circular-needles>

If you prefer double pointed needles this pattern will work just fine with that method too but I encourage you to try the two circular method. It is easy and you get to learn something new :)

Knit all rounds until your work measures 3.5 inches from the cast on edge. Add Espresso (B) now to start the stripes. Knit 4 rows with B. Continue the stripe pattern** by changing colors every 4 rows until you have 2 four row stripes of each color. At the end of row 12 of the decrease below you should have just completed your 2nd Dandelion stripe, cut the Dandelion and leave a long enough tail for to securely weave in and continue in Espresso only for the top of the Beanie and the i-cord stinger. At the same time as continuing to knit in the stripe pattern begin the decrease rounds with the first row of your first Dandelion stripe (4" from cast-on) as follows:

Row	Instruction
Row 1	*K8, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 2 (and all even rows)	K
Row 3	*K7, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 5	*K6, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 7	*K5, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 9	*K4, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 11	*K3, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 12 Reminder	K (at the end of row 12 cut the Dandelion and continue with Espresso only)
Row 13	*K2, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 15	*K1, ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 17	*ssk, repeat from * to end of round
Row 18	Repeat row 17 (you should have 3 stitches left at the end of row 18, 2 on one needle and 1 on the other)

Transfer the one stitch so all of your stitches are on one circular needle. Knit an i-cord for about 6 rows or until you like the length of your stinger. If you don't know how to knit an i-cord there is a good tutorial at:

<http://www.purlbee.com/i-cord-tutorial/>

End by drawing your yarn through the 3 stitches of your finished i-cord and bringing the tail down through the center of the cord and weaving in the tail on the inside of your beanie. Weave in any other tails and you are done!

**When you knit stripes in the round there is always a jog at the beginning of your row because when knitting in the round we are really knitting one long spiral. If you want to minimize the jog and learn another new skill there is a good tutorial for knitting stripes in the round at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ju_F2gupr58

I hope you enjoyed knitting your *Bzzz Beanie!*

