

The Goof-Proof Hat

For those of you who have bobbins of yarn that are not uniform, this is an easy item to make. This is also a great project for the beginning spinner. I do this with yarns that I have from doing demonstrations where I am trying to show how to spin thin and thick yarn and everything in between.



First, take two **full** bobbins of single-ply yarn that "blend" together nicely in color. They can be the same color. You don't want to use colors that create a "barber pole" affect, such as black and white. Ply the two together until you have two bobbins of two-ply yarn. Then "cable" the two yarns by plying them together again in the opposite direction. This is like having a four-ply yarn with a different affect.

You should end up with a fairly bulky yarn unless your original spinning was very fine. In that case you may want to knit the hat with an additional strand of another yarn.

Using #13 knitting needles, cast on 53 stitches.

First row: K1 then * P2, K2* repeating *P2, K2* across the row.

Second Row: P1 then *K2, P2* repeating *K2, P2* across the row.

This stitch produces what I call a "variegated" rib pattern.

Continue knitting rows one and two until the knitting measures approximately 10 inches ending with row 2.

Slip stitch the first stitch then knit two stitches together (K 2 tog) across the row.

On the next row, purl two stitches together (P2 tog) across the row.

Leave a large tail and thread it though a tapestry needle that you will weave through the loops that remain on the needle. Pull through your stitches tightly drawing all the stitches together. Using the tapestry needle, you will be able to then secure the top and continue to sew the seam. – That's it!