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Gingham and Checkerboard Hats

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Gingham Hat shown in MC (#303-Grey & Silver), CC1 (#304-Black & Silver), and CC2 (#301-Natural & Gold).

SKILL LEVEL:

SIZE and MATERIALS:

One Size	3-Color Hat	2-Color Hat
Finished Head Circumference	Approx 20" - 22"	Approx 20" - 22"
	Yarn	
Main Color (MC)	1 hank (117 yds)	2 hank (234 yds)
Contrasting Color 1 (CC1)	1 hank (117 yds)	1 hank (117 yds)
Contrasting Color 2 (CC2)	1 hank (117 yds)	N/A

Featured Yarn:

HiKoo *Simplicity Metallic*, 53% Merino Superwash, 27% Acrylic, 17% Nylon, 3% Metallic; 117 yds / 50g hank.

addi Needles:

3.25 mm (approx US 3) 16" circular needle or DPNs (set of 5)

3.75 mm (approx US 5) 24" circular needle or DPNs (set of 5)

or size needed to obtain gauge

Additional Notions: tapestry needle

All yarn and needles distributed by *skacel collection, Inc.*

Gauge:

29 sts x 34 rows = 4" x 4" in *Gingham Pat* on larger needles.

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.



Checkerboard Hat shown in MC & CC2 (#302-Brown & Gold), and CC1 (#301-Natural & Gold).

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STITCH PATTERNS:

2 x 2 Rib: (multiple of 4 sts)

Rnd 1: *K2, p2; repeat to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 for pattern.

Gingham (3-color hat): (multiple of 6 sts)

Rnd 1: Using MC, knit all sts.

Rnds 2 & 3: Using CC1, *k3, sl3 wyib; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: Using MC, knit all sts.

Rnds 5 & 6: Using CC2, *sl3 wyib, k3; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 1 - 6 for pattern.

Checkerboard (2-color hat): (multiple of 6 sts)

Rnd 1: Using MC, knit all sts.

Rnds 2 & 3: Using CC1, *k3, sl3 wyib; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: Using MC, knit all sts.

Rnds 5 & 6: Continuing with MC, *sl3 wyib, k3; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 1 - 6 for pattern.

DESIGNER'S NOTES:

- *The use of this stitch pattern for this hat was inspired by the Classic Checked Vest by John Crane.*
- *Many different color combinations look good in this hat, and though the pattern is written for Option 1, it is easily adapted to Option 2.*
 - **Option 1** (traditional Gingham) requires a CC1 that is dark, a CC2 that is light, and a MC that is halfway between CC1 and CC2.
 - **Option 2** (a grid of squares or checks) requires the same color for MC & CC2 with sharply contrasting CC1.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Ribbing:

Using the Cable Cast On method, the smaller needles, and MC, CO 108 sts, PM and join to work in the rnd, making sure not to twist sts.

Work 10 rnds of K2, P2 Rib.

Hat Body:

Switch to larger needles.

Inc Rnd: *K1, M1, k1; repeat from * to end of rnd = 162 sts.

Note: *This rnd replaces Rnd 1 in first repeat (only) of Gingham (or Checks) Pat.*

Working now in Gingham (or Checks), work Rnds 2 - 6 once, then Rnds 1 - 6 nine times more, ending after working Rnd 6.

Crown Shaping:

Note: *Switch to DPNs or Magic Loop method as needed.*

Dec Rnd: Using MC, *k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of rnd = 108 sts.

Note: *This rnd replaces Rnd 1 in Gingham (or Checks) Pat one time only.*

Cont in est pat (knit or slip the 2-st color blocks as was earlier done over the 3-st color blocks) for a total of 24 rnds, ending after working Rnd 6.

Dec Rnd: Using MC, *k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd = 54 sts.

Note: *This rnd replaces Rnd 1 in Gingham (or Checks) Pat one time only.*

Cont in est pat (knit or slip the 1-st color blocks as was earlier done over the 2-st color blocks) for a total of 6 rnds, ending after working Rnd 6.

Dec Rnd: Using MC, *k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd = 27 sts.

FINISHING:

No Tassel: To finish the hat without a tassel, cut the working yarns approx 8" long. Thread all of these strands onto a tapestry needle and run tails through the remaining stitches. Pull tails tightly to close the hole and weave ends (separately) into the interior of the hat.

Block, if desired.

Optional Braided Tassel: Cut all three strands of yarn, leaving a tail about 8" long. Thread all of these strands onto a tapestry needle and run tails through the remaining stitches. Pull the tails gently to partially close the hole.

Using the remaining yarn from all three colors, cut 5 strands of each color that are about 9" long. Group these colors together and tie a single knot in one end of the bundle. Push



the knot into the loosely gathered hole at the top of the hat. Tighten the gathered stitches by pulling on the original 3-strand tail, making sure that the knot is secured inside the hat. Begin careful not to let the tightened stitches loosen up too much, carefully separate the three colors of the tail and add those strands to the three respective colored bundles.

Using each separate color bundle as a single strand, braid the three bundles until there is about 2.5" left unbraided. Wrap the end of the braid tightly several times with three single strands of yarn (one in each color), and then tie a tight square knot. Bury the ends in the tassel, and then trim all the strands in the tassel to the same length.

Weave in any remaining ends.

Block, if desired.

ABBREVIATIONS:

approx approximate(ly)
CC1 coordinating color yarn 1
CC2 coordinating color yarn 2
CO Cast On
dec decrease(s) / decreased / decreasing
est establish(ed)
DPN(s) Double Point Needle(s)
inc increase(s) / increased / increasing
k knit
k2tog knit 2 stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)
MC main color yarn
meas measures

p purl
pat pattern
rep repeat
rnd(s) round(s)
RS Right (public) Side
sl slip (unless otherwise stated, slip as if to purl)
st(s) stitch(es)
WS Wrong (private) Side
wyib with yarn in back
SSK slip the next two stitches, one at a time, as if to knit, then knit these 2 stitches together through the back loops

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