



## TOP-DOWN SEED-STITCH HAT

*Working at a luxury yarn store turned me into an incorrigible fiber snob, so falling for an unpretentious acrylic yarn was a complete surprise. The balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet came to mind, when Juliet decided a name meant nothing to true love.*

*I named the hat I made from it “Montague” and — share the love! — released the pattern under a Creative Commons license.*

### DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

### MATERIALS

- 1 skein Lion Brand “Micro Spun” [100% microfiber acrylic; 168 yds/ 154m per 70g]; color: Cherry Red
- US #10.5/6.5mm double-point needles
- 16” US #10.5/6.5mm circular needle
- 1 16” US #3/3.25mm circular needle or double-point needles
- Stitch markers

### GAUGE

13 sts/16 rows = 4” in stockinette st on larger needles with two strands held together

### PATTERN NOTES

#### Split stitch in the round

Worked with two strands of yarn held together.

**SET-UP ROUND:** K into one strand of first st, \*k remaining strand with one strand of the next st\* until only one strand remains.

**ROUND 1:** \*K remaining strand with one strand of the next st\* and rep until a single strand remains.

Rep round 1 for split stitch.

#### Split stitch increase rnd

[K single strand with one strand of first st in current round, \*k remaining strand with one strand of next st\* and rep until there is one strand and one st left before marker. K the strand, k one strand of the next st, sl the remaining strand, remove marker, sl the strand back to the LH needle and replace marker. \*K strand with one strand of next st\* and rep until there is one strand and one st before the end of the needle. K the strand, k one strand of the next st, leaving one strand.] Rep once for each dpn.

#### Dealing with markers

When a stitch marker falls between two strands that must be knit together, sl the strand before the marker to the right-hand needle, remove the marker, sl the strand back to the left-hand needle and replace the marker.

### PATTERN

With one strand of yarn, CO 8 sts and distribute evenly on dpns. Join in the round.

#### Hat body

**RND 1:** With yarn doubled, \*kfb\* to end of rnd (16 sts).

**RND 2:** \*K.\*

**RND 3:** [\*K one strand of first st on the LH needle, then k second strand\* four times, pm, \*k into each strand of each st\* to end of needle.] Rep four times. (32 sts).

**RND 4:** Work split stitch set-up round.

**RND 5:** Work split st increase round.

**RND 6:** Work rnd 1 of split st.

**RNDS 7-14:** Rep rnds 5 & 6 four times, for a total of 72 sts plus one strand.

**RND 15:** Switch to circular needle. Work in split st for 3.75 inches (9.5 cm). Remove all markers, except the one at the beginning of the rnd.

#### Brim

**RND 1:** P last strand tog with next st, then \*p\* to end of rnd.

**RND 2:** With smaller needles and one strand of yarn, \*k into one strand of st, p into remaining strand of st\* and rep to end.

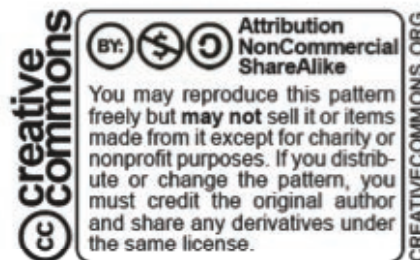
**RNDS 3-7:** \*K1, p1\* around.

#### Binding off

With larger needle, k2tog, \*k2tog, pass second st on the RH needle over the st nearest the tip of the needle\* and rep to end of rnd. Break yarn and pull through last st. Weave in ends.

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