

## Fish Hat Pattern

### Seaside Knitters Mysteries

Cass knit these hats for her brother's Fractured Fish band. A wonderful source of warmth during Sea Harbor winters!

**Size:** One (will fit both child and adult)

**Finished measurements:** Circumference: 20 inches, unstretched length: 17 inches

**Materials:**

- worsted-weight yarn or wool/acrylic that fit the gauge. Approximately 350 to 400 yards.. Use any colors you like, and vary the stripes as you please
- Recommended needle size: 1 set US #7 double point needles; 1 set US #7 straight needles (optional)
- Split ring marker
- Small stitch holder
- Black yarn or embroidery floss
- Small amount white felt; white sewing thread
- Tapestry needle and sewing needles with both large and small eyes

**Gauge:** 18 st/28 rows=4 inches in stockinette stitch

**Pattern notes:** • **1x1 Rib** (Worked back and forth over an even number of sts): *All Rows:* [K1, p1] to end.

**Pattern**

Select color for fish lips and CO 90 sts onto double-point needles. Divide sts between needles and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. Once first few rounds have been worked, place split ring marker in work to indicate beginning of round.

Work in stockinette st until work measures 1.5 inches. Break color used for lips and join desired color for head.

**Shape Mouth:** Mouth is shaped using short rows. It is not necessary to pick up wraps when working wrapped sts on subsequent rows; edge of mouth will be hidden by rolled edge of lip.

*Row 1* [RS]: K27, W&T.      *Row 7* [RS]: K14, W&T      *Row 13* [RS]: K26, W&T.

*Row 2* [WS]: P9, W&T.      *Row 8* [WS]: P16, W&T.      *Row 14* [WS]: P28, W&T.

*Row 3* [RS]: K10, W&T      *Row 9* [RS]: K18, W&T.      *Row 15* [RS]: K30, W&T.

*Row 5* [RS]: K12, W&T.      *Row 11* [RS]: K22, W&T.      *Row 16* [WS]:

P32, W&T.

Row 6 [WS]: P13, W&T. Row 12 [WS]: P24, W&T. Row 17 [RS]: K65, W&T.

Repeat Rows 2-16

Next Row [RS]: K to end of row.

**Shape Body:** Continue as follows, changing colors as desired.

Work 4.75 inches in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 1:* [K8, k2tog] 9 times. 81 sts.

Work 2.5 inches in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 2:* [K7, k2tog] 9 times. 72 sts.

Work 1.5 inches in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 3:* [K6, k2tog] 9 times. 63 sts.

Work 1.5 inches in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 4:* [K5, k2tog] 9 times. 54 sts.

Work 0.75 inch in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 5:* [K4, k2tog] 9 times. 45 sts.

Work 1.5 inches in stockinette st. *Decrease Round 6:* [K2tog] to last 3 sts, k3tog. 22 sts.

**Tail:** K 3 rounds. *Next Round:* K17; place last 11 sts worked on small st holder. First half of tail will be worked back and forth over remaining 11 sts on needles (last 5 sts of current round and first 6 sts of next round). If desired, work tail using straight needles.

Row 1 [RS]: [K1, kfb] 5 times, k1. 16 sts. *Even-Numbered Rows 2-6* [WS]: P all sts.

Row 3 [RS]: [K1, kfb] to end. 24 sts.

Row 5 [RS]: K1, kfb, [k3, kfb] 5 times, k2. 30 sts.

Rows 7-12: Work in stockinette st.

Row 13 [RS]: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 28 sts.

Row 14 [WS]: P all sts.

Rows 15-20: Work as for Rows 13-14. 22 sts.

Row 21 [RS]: Work as for Row 13. BO remaining 20 sts.

Replace held sts on needle and rejoin yarn with RS facing. Work Rows 1-21 as for first half of tail.

**Dorsal Fin:** Lay hat flat, so that longest parts of short-rowed fish mouth are at center, and shortest parts are at side folds. Mark a column of sts along

center of hat; this will be top of fish. Beginning approx. 6 inches above lower edge of hat and working towards tail, pick up and k 15 sts in marked columns of sts, picking up 1 st for each row.

K 1 row. *Next Row:* [Kfb] in each st to end. 30 sts. Work 10 rows in 1x1 Rib. BO all sts knitwise.

**Pectoral Fins:** Mark a column of sts at each side of hat, centered over shortest parts of short-rowed fish mouth. Beginning approx. 6 inches above lower edge of hat and working towards tail, pick up and k 10 sts in one marked column of sts, picking up 1 st for each row.

K 1 row. *Next Row:* [Kfb] in each st to end. 20 sts. Continue as for Dorsal Fin. Repeat for other marked column.

### **Finishing**

Sew each tail half together along shaped edges. Weave in all ends.

**Eyes:** Cut two circles of white felt with diameter of approx. 1.75 inches. Use white sewing thread and small-eye sewing needle to sew to hat as show in photos. Use black yarn or embroidery floss and large-eye sewing needle to embroider a black X [for deceased fish] or black dot [for alive-but-non-kicking fish] on each eye.

**About the designer:** Thelma Egberts is a Dutch knitter who has a thing for weird and funny hats. She mostly uses leftover yarn and yarn from stash (even her grandmother's stash!). That's why she often has to improvise on patterns or design her own.

For more photographs of the hat, please

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