



Felt Hat with Rolled Brim

We have discovered the Ashford Tekapo pure wool yarn is ideal for felted handknits. In this pattern we incorporated some Mohair yarn around the brim as a special feature.

Materials: One 100gram ball of Ashford Tekapo yarn
One 100 gram ball of Ashford Mohair - Random
1 pr of 8.00mm straight needles

Knitting the Hat

Using Stocking Stitch throughout the pattern

1. Using 1 strand of Tekapo and 1 strand of Mohair, cast on 90 stitches with 8.00mm needles
2. Knit one row.
3. Purl one row.
4. Increase row. Knit 8, Knit into front and back of next stitch to increase one stitch. Repeat across row – 100sts
Continue until work measures 7cm from cast on edge.
Next row: Decrease to 90 stitches (knit 8, knit 2 together) x 9 times Next a further 7cm. Total length will be 14cm.



Crown

Worked in 1 strand of Tekapo and 1 strand of Mohair

1. Next row: *(K2 tog) 4 times, K1 * repeat – 50 sts
2. Work 3 rows
3. Next row: K1 (K2, M1, K1) to end of row, K1 – 66 sts
4. Next row: increase 4 sts evenly – 70 sts
5. Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 20cm from start of crown
6. Next row: K5, K2 tog to end of row – 60sts
7. Work 3 rows
8. Next row: K4, K2 tog to end of row – 50sts
9. Work 1 row
10. Next row: K3, K2 tog to end of row – 40sts
11. Work 1 row
12. Next row: K2, K2 tog to end of row – 30sts
13. Work 1 row
14. Next row: K1, K2 tog to end of row – 20 sts
15. Work 1 row
16. Next row: K2 tog to end of row – 10sts
17. Work 1 row
18. Next row: K2 tog to end of row – Draw thread through remaining 5sts and slip stitch seam.

Felting

Place hat in washing machine, wash on hot wash for a complete cycle with your regular washing powder and if you add a pair of jeans this will help the hat to felt faster. Check if felted and shrunk enough. If not, wash again until satisfied.

Smooth hat into shape with hands turning brim up. Roll a soft tea towel lengthwise and place inside the brim to help curve the brim. Place a rolled tea towel (as many as you need) inside the crown to hold the shape. Mould to suit with your hands. Leave the hat stuffed, turn upside down and rest on crown until dry approximately 2-3 days. As the moisture evaporates the work will contract slightly.