

## AILI'S CAP



### About the Design

I designed this hat to go with the Aili's Mittens. The cap is intended for beginners. The mosaic pattern is easy and fast to knit, and the cap itself is very warm, as it is knitted with DK weight yarn.

### Yarn

The yarn I used (Novita 7 veljestä) is approximately DK weight yarn. You will need yarn in two different colors, main color (MC) and contrasting color (CC). In the original cap, MC is white and CC is red. I didn't weigh my yarn when knitting, but 90 grams (3 oz) in total is usually enough. You can use any yarn you wish, but wool yarn might work the best. If you need to adjust the number of sts, note that the slipped garter stitch pattern is divisible by 4 sts. No matter what yarn you use, your gauge should be tight enough to give a firm fabric. Adjust the needle size accordingly.

### Gauge

20-21 sts and 29 rows = 4" /10 cm.

### Needles

#7 DPN's. Adjust needle size if necessary.

### Size

The pattern has two sizes. The adult size cap is pictured.

Adult: 23" circumference  
 Child: 20" circumference

In the stitch pattern one repeat should measure roughly 3/4". Adjust the number of stitch pattern repeats if you need to adjust the size. One pattern repeat is 4 sts.

The finished cap should measure 1/2 to 3/4" less than your head circumference. Adjust the number of sts to get a proper size cap.

The sts in [brackets] are for the child size cap. Note, that the top decreases are given separately for the adult size and the child size.

Cast on 112 [96] sts. Join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Purl 2 rows in CC. Knit 1 row in MC, purl 1 row in MC and begin slipped stitch pattern.

NOTE: You will knit one row with one color only. Alternate colors after every 2 rows (see pattern). When slipping stitches, carry yarn always in the back.

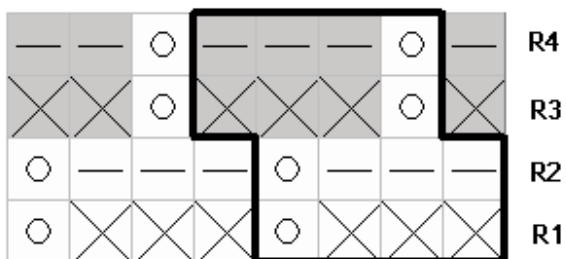
R1: in MC, \*k3, sl 1, repeat from \* to end.

R2: in MC, \*p3, sl 1, repeat from \* to end.

R3: in CC k1, \*sl 1, k3, repeat from \*, k2.

R4: in CC p1, \*sl 1, p3, repeat from \*, p2.

## CHART



⊗ = k1 in MC

⊗ = k1 in CC

— = p1 in MC

— = p1 in CC

○ = sl st pwise

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Knit 4 [3] pattern repeats. Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more.

In CC, knit 1 row and purl 1 row. In MC, knit 1 row and purl 2 rows. Continue in MC.

Knit in stockinette stitch until the cap measures 4 3/4" [4"] or 12 [10] cm. Begin top decreases:

For adult size:

R1: [k12, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R2-R5: k.

R6: [k11, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R7-R9: k.

R10: [k10, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R11-R12: k.

R13: [k9, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R14: k.

Continue as established, decreasing twice per needle (if you use 5 DPN's) on every other row. Continue decreases until you have 12 sts remaining per needle. Then knit decreases on every row, until you have 2 sts remaining on every needle. Pull yarn through all the sts.

For child size:

R1: [k10, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R2-R5: k.

R6: [k9, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R7-8: k.

R9: [k8, k2tog], repeat [-] to end.

R11: k.

Continue as established, decreasing twice per needle (if you use 5 DPN's) on every other row. Continue decreases until you have 10 sts remaining per needle. Then knit decreases on every row, until you have 2 sts remaining on every needle. Pull yarn through all the sts.

### Tips

This cap was knitted to match the Aili's Mittens, so I chose my colors to match the original mittens. You can use almost any color combination you like. I find that variegated colors go well with solids in this pattern. The set looks pretty also in one color only. You can also knit the cap in MC, but switch the colors in the slipped stitch pattern (CC becomes MC and vice versa).

If you want, you can knit the slipped pattern, and then turn your work so that the WS is facing you and then continue knitting in MC until the cap (from the fold) measures 4 3/4" [4"]. This will give you double thick fabric for the lower part of the cap which makes it even warmer.

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