



sunshine & lollipops

This is a summer hat in cool fresh cotton with just enough brim to keep the sun off your nose and neck. It has a contrast colour on the underside of the brim and the 'band'. Accessorise with your favourite flavour of lollipop

notes

Two sets of instructions are given: one to fit my (larger) head, and a 'recipe' to make the hat fit any head.

Cotton knits do not have a very high sun protection factor, so it would be advisable to team your hat with some SPF30+ sunscreen if you are spending long periods in the sun.

materials, notions and tools

- Cotton 8 ply (DK) yarn: 120m of in the main colour and 65m in the contrast colour. I used Twilleys of Stamford Cotton Freedom DK in natural and rose.
- A 60cm, 3.75mm circular needle
- A set of 3.75mm double pointed needles
- 9 stitch markers

abbreviations

k	Knit
p	Purl
k2tog	Knit two stitches together
slm	Slip stitch marker from the left needle to the right needle
k1fb	Knit into the front of the first stitch on the left hand needle and before sliding the stitch off the needle, knit into the back of the stitch
sl1k1pss0	Slip the next stitch on the left needle to the right needle without knitting it. Knit the next stitch on the left needle as normal, then lift the slipped stitch over it and off the right needle



instructions — my size

Tension

28 stitches and 30 rows = 10cm in stocking stitch in the round

Cast on 8 stitches in the main colour and arrange evenly across 3 of the double-pointed needles.

Join to knit in the round

Top of crown

Row 1: k1fb 8 times [16 st]

Row 2: k1fb 16 times [32 st]

Row 3: * k1, place marker, k1fb k2 * repeat from * to end [40 st]

Row 4: * k to marker, slm, k1fb * repeat from * to end [48 st]

Row 5: k to end

Repeat rows 4 and 5 until you have 104 stitches (13 between each pair of markers)

Sides of crown

Next row: purl to end

Next row: knit to end

Repeat this last row 20 times more.

Band

Change to the contrast colour and knit 1 row.

Work 5 rows in k1p1 rib

Next row knit to end

Outer brim

Change to main colour. Knit one row

Next row: *k to 1 before marker, k1fb, slm, k1fb* repeat from * to end.

Next row: k to end

Repeat these two rows until you have 216 st in total (27 between each pair of markers)

Inner brim

Change to the contrast colour. * k2tog, yo * repeat to end, removing the markers as you go.

Next row: k all stitches, placing a marker at the beginning of the row, another marker after the first 14 stitches and then placing a marker every 27 stitches

Next row: * k to 2 stitches before marker, sl1k1pss0, slm, k2tog* repeat to end

Next row: k to end

Repeat these two rows until there are 104 stitches remaining.

Cast off loosely, leaving a long tail

Sew the cast off edge to the bottom of the band on the inside of the hat, using the cast off tail and taking care not to pull too tightly.

finishing

See page 4 for blocking instructions

instructions — your size

There is no tension for this size. In the following table, write down numbers as instructed in the pattern.

A	The circumference of your head above the ears and across the forehead, measured tightly.	
B	The number at 'A' minus 2.5cm (1") , and then divided by 3.14	
C	The number of stitches between each pair of markers when the crown top is complete	
D	The number of stitches between each pair of markers when the outer brim is complete	
E	The number at D divided by 2	

Cast on 8 stitches in the main colour and arrange evenly across 3 of the double-pointed needles. Join to knit in the round

Top of crown

Row 1: k1fb 8 times [16 st]

Row 2: k1fb 16 times [32 st]

Row 3: * k1, place marker, k1fb k2 * repeat from * to end [40 st]

Row 4: * k to marker, slm, k1fb * repeat from * to end [48 st]

Row 5: k to end

Repeat rows 4 and 5 until you have a circle whose diameter corresponds to the number you wrote down at B above. Note how many stitches are between each set of markers and write this number at C above.

Sides of crown

Next row: purl to end

Next row: knit to end

Repeat this last row until the crown is about 3" deep.

Band

Change to the contrast colour and knit 1 row.

Work 1" in k1p1 rib

Next row knit to end

Outer brim

Change to main colour. Knit one row

Next row: *k to 1 before marker, k1fb, slm, k1fb* repeat from * to end.

Next row: k to end

Repeat these two rows until the brim is about 2" deep or as deep as you want it. Note how many stitches are between the markers and write this at D above.

Inner brim

Change to the contrast colour. * k2tog, yo * repeat to end, removing the markers as you go.

Next row: k all stitches, placing a marker at the beginning of the row, another marker after you have knitted X stitches, where X is the number at E in the table above, and then placing a marker every Y stitches where Y is the number of stitches at D above.

Next row: * k to 2 stitches before marker, sl1k1pss0, slm, k2tog* repeat to end

Next row: k to end

Repeat these two rows until there are as many stitches between each pair of markers as the number at C above

Cast off loosely, leaving a long tail

Sew the cast off edge to the bottom of the band on the inside of the hat, using the cast off tail and taking care not to pull too tightly.

finishing

Weave in all ends.

Stuff a small towel into the crown of the hat, and sit it on your ironing board. Pin the edge of the brim into shape. Using a steam iron held close to but not touching the hat, steam the hat well to shape it, then leave until thoroughly dry. The brim will become wavier with use.