MAGGIE'S RAGS™

Seashore Hat

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Sand castles, buckets, waves, and suns circle this easy to knit stocking hat. Only two colors of worsted weight yarn are used, one solid and one variegated. Knit the matching Seashore Sweater from Maggie's RagsTM pattern S-01698.

Hat and sweater shown were knit in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Worsted, colors Aslan and Denim.

GAUGE: 15 sts and 17 rows = 3"

NEEDLES:

• #7 US (4.5mm) double pointed needles, or size needed to achieve proper gauge.

• Double pointed needles 2 sizes smaller

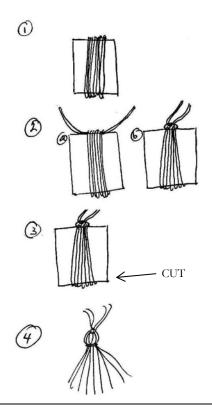
MATERIALS									
Worsted weight yarn, approx. 225 yards/4 oz; 13 wraps per inch									
	XS	S	M	L	XL				
Hat circumference	14½" (37 cm)	16 ³ / ₄ " (43 cm)	19 ¹ / ₄ " (49 cm)	$21^{1}/_{8}$ " (55 cm)	24 (61 cm)				
Length	$11^{5}/8$ " (30 cm)	13" (33 cm)	$15^3/8$ " (40 cm)	$17^{5}/_{8}$ " (45 cm)	18 ³ / ₄ (48 cm)				
Main Color	97 yds	120 yd	163 yds	199 yds	228 yds				
	1.7 oz (49 gr)	2.1 oz (61 gr)	2.9 oz (83 gr)	3.5 oz (101 gr)	4 oz (116 gr)				
Contrast Color	43 yds	50 yds	67 yds	75 yds	83 yds				
	.8 oz (22 gr)	.9 oz (25 gr)	1.2 oz (34 gr)	1.3 oz (38 gr)	1.5 oz (42 gr)				

Instructions	Extra Small	Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large
Using main color and smaller needles, cast on stitches. Divide stitches between three (or four) needles, and join ends begin careful not to twist knitting.					
Note: A 16" circular needle may be used for the patterned portion of the hat if desired, but you will need to switch to double pointed needles as decreases are worked at the top of the hat.	64 sts	76 sts	86 sts	96 sts	108 sts
Work circularly in Sand Stitch from Chart I for rounds.	5 rnds	7 rnds	11 rnds	15 rnds	15 rnds
Change to larger needles. Knit next round, increasing sts evenly spaced around hat.	8 sts	8 sts	10 sts	12 sts	12 sts
Total stitches:	72 sts	84 sts	96 sts	108 sts	120 sts
Continuing to work circularly, work Chart II, beginning with round of chart.	rnd 7	rnd 7	rnd 1	rnd 1	rnd 1
Using main color, knit around decreasing 12 sts evenly spaced.	60 sts	72 sts	84 sts	96 sts	108 sts

Work rows 1-6 of chart once more.

Tassel

- 1. Cut a stiff piece of cardboard into a rectangle about 5½" x 3" (14cm x 7.5 cm), or use any stiff flat object about this size. Using main color, wrap the yarn lengthwise around the cardboard about 50 times. Cut yarn even with edge of cardboard.
- 2. Cut a 24" (61 cm) long piece of yarn. Fold this piece of yarn in half and pull through between the cardboard and the wrapped yarn. Slide up to one end of the cardboard. With half of the yarn extending on either side, tie the two ends tightly and securely around the wrapped yarn.
- 3. With a pair of sharp scissors, cut through the wrapped yarn at the opposite end of the cardboard.
- 4. Cut a 12" length of yarn. Wrap this tightly around the tassel 2 or 3 times, about ³/₄" (2 cm) from the top. Tie securely. Using a yarn needle, pull the ends of this tie through to the inside of the tassel so that the ends hang down inside.
- 5. Shake out the tassel and trim off any uneven ends.

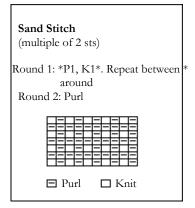


Finishing

Attach the tassel to the hat using the attached tie. Weave in ends on inside of hat.

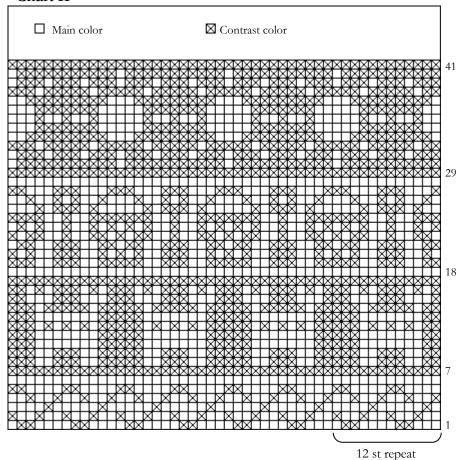
^{*}Using contrast color, knit around decreasing 12 sts evenly spaced. Using main color, knit 5 rounds. Repeat from * until 24 sts remain. Using contrast color, work one more decrease round. Break off yarn and pull through remaining 12 sts.

Chart I



Abbreviations		
K	Knit	
P	Purl	
Rnd	Round(s)	
St/sts Stitch/stitches		

Chart II



Choosing Colors

You can choose whatever colors you like for this sweater, but to make sure the patterns show up when you're done, follow these rules:

• Choose one variegated and one solid color

Make sure the colors look good together.

Make sure that none of the colors in the variegated yarn are the same as the solid yarn.

Choose two solid colors

Make sure they look good together.

Make sure there is a lot of contrast between them so that the patterns show up.

• Choose several colors

Pick one color for background, and change to a different color for each pattern.

Make sure the colors look good together.

Make sure there is a lot of contrast between each pattern color and the background color, so that the patterns show up.