

Knitted turbans (Stocking Stitch)

Materials

2 ounces of Paton Beehive Fingering, 3-ply; a pair of knitting pins No. 10.

Tension and measurements

Worked at a tension of 7 sts. to the inch in width, the turban will fit a head measurement of 22 inches, but from these directions a cap of any size can be made, by repeating the sections accordingly. These form the skull-cap, and the bandeau is worked separately and sewn on.

Abbreviations

K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; s.s., stocking-stitch (k. on right side and p. back).

To work the cap

Begin at the centre-front and cast on 40 sts., which determines the depth of the cap. K. 1 row into the back of the sts. * K. 18, turn and k. back; k. 20, turn and k. back; k. 22, turn and k. back. K. 18 rows more in this way, working 2 sts. more on every alternate row, when all 40 sts. will have been worked. Repeat from * 9 times more, then cast off.

The Bandeau

This is worked in bands in s.s., the first 12 rows having the purl side facing, and the next 8 rows the right side facing. Cast on 240 sts. and k. 1 row into the backs of the sts. Work 12 rows in s.s., beginning with a p. row. Work 8 rows, beginning with a k. row and ending with a p. row. Work 8 rows, beginning with a p. row. Repeat the last 16 rows once more, then 4 rows more on the last band. Cast off loosely. Note that the 3 rolls with the p. side facing form the right side of the bandeau.

To make up the turban

With the same wool sew the cast-on edge to the cast-off edge of the cap, beginning at the face edge, then run through the sts. at the centre, and draw up. Place the cap on the head with the seam at centre-front, and pin the centre of the bandeau to the centre-back of cap. Bring an end around each side and twist once at the front; carry the ends back and sew them under the band about level with the ears. Take care to keep the 3 p. rolls uppermost. Stitch the lowest roll loosely to the cap edge, leaving about 2

inches unattached under the front twist. At the back loosely stitch the second k. band to the cap.

Knitted turbans (Moss Stitch)

Materials

3 ounces of Patons Beehive Fingering, 2-ply (used double throughout); a pair of knitting pins, No. 10.

Tension and measurements

Worked at a tension of 7 sts. to the inch in width, the turban will fit a head measurement of 23 inches, but this is easily adjusted to smaller heads by working fewer increase rows and gusset rows, on the cap and also on the twisted band. The cap portion. should therefore be fitted before working the straight ends.

Abbreviations

K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; inc., increase (by working into the front and, back of the same st.); m.s., moss-stitch (k. 1 and p. 1 alternately, and on subsequent rows the sts. are reversed). Directions in brackets are worked the number of times stated after the brackets.

To work the first half

Cast on 22 sts. for the centre of the back head part.

1st row: (K.1, p.1) 11 times.

2nd row: P. 1, (k. 1, p. 1) 10 times, inc.

3rd row: Cast on 2 sts., m.s. to end.

4th row: M.s. until 1 st. remains, inc.

Repeat the 3rd and 4th rows twice more, then the 3rd row again. (34 sts.) Work 11 rows in m.s., increasing 1 st. at the shaped end on every row. (45 sts.) Now inc, 1 st. at the end (shaped end) of the next 6 alternate rows. (51 sts.) Work 1 row more. * M.s. 24, turn, m.s. 24; m.s., 27, turn, m.s. 27; m.s. 30, turn, m.s. 30; m.s. 33, turn, m.s. 33 m.s. 36, turn, m.s. 36; m.s. 39, turn, m.s. 39; m.s. 41, turn, m.s. 41; m.s. 43, turn, m.s. 43; m.s. 45, turn, m.s. 45; M.S. 47, turn, m.s. 47; m.s. 49, turn, m.s. 49.** Work 2 rows in m.s. on the 51 sts., then work from ** backwards to *. Work 1 row more. ***Work 2 sts. tog. at the beginning (shaped edge) of the next row and following 2 alternate rows. Work 3 rows straight. Repeat the last 8 rows from *** 5 times more and the first 3 rows again, when 31 sts.

will remain. Work 106 rows straight in m.s., then cast off. Work a second half exactly the same. These two halves are then ready to be joined together.

To make up the turban

Sew the cast-on edges and the shaped edges together in one line for the centre head seam, then fasten off, leaving the long straight parts free. This makes the cap part of the turban. Join the cast-off ends of the tie part, so that you now have a loop at the other end of the cap. Press the turban with a hot iron over a damp cloth.

To wear the turban, place the cap part on your head so that the loop end is over the fore-head and the cap fits snugly at the back. Then twist the loop close to the head, and, holding the knot thus made firmly in place, fold the loop back over the head so that it makes a turban effect around the edge of the cap and fits the head comfortably.