



**CY1885** 

# PATO MULTI COLOURS CHUNKY HELICEM HAT

# Measurements

To fit head circumference 46-51 (53-58) cm

18 - 20 (21 - 23) in

Actual Circumference 43 (51) cm

17 (20) in

For a comfy fit choose a size 1'' - 3'' (3.75 - 6 cm) **smaller** than the head circumference of the intended wearer.

# Materials

Cygnet Pato Multi Colours Chunky x 100g in 80090 Dance Class x 1 ball - Yarn A

Cygnet Pato Chunky x 100g in 888 White x 1 ball - Yarn B

This is sufficient to make 1 hat of each size including pompoms.

A set of 5.5mm dpns or size needed to achieve tension.

1 Stitch marker

Tape measure

Scissors

Tapestry needle to sew in ends

Pompom (optional)

#### **Abbreviations**

K - Knit P - Purl st(s) - stitch(es)

rep – repeat beg – beginning K2tog – Knit 2 together

SI – slip st sm – slip marker LH – Left-hand

RH - Right-hand

#### **TENSION**

16 sts and 24 rows to 10 cm (4 ins) measured over helical stripe pattern using 5.5 mm needles. Work your tension swatch in the round over at least 24 sts and 36 rows using the helical stripe pattern (given below). If your tension is too tight use a larger needle, if too loose use a smaller needle.

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

Multi coloured yarns can be irresistible but sometimes it's hard to know exactly what to do with them once we've bought them! Sometimes the colours don't work up in the way we had hoped, yet that combination of colours is what attracted us to the yarn in the first place. I decided to show off all the pretty colours in this yarn by spacing them out with single row stripes and, because I wanted something simple to knit, chose to use the helical stripe method. The name Helicem comes from the Latin for Helix.

This hat is knit in the round from the brim up using basic 1 round helical stripes. Knitting in the round is essentially knitting in a spiral (or a helix), the last stitch of each row sits one row above the first stitch. When working traditional 1x1 stripes the first colour is dropped at the end of the round and carried up the back of the fabric while the second colour is worked. This is then dropped, and the first colour is worked again. This method creates a visual "jog" at the start of the round and a ridge on the reverse of the fabric. By adding a second helix in the second colour we eliminate both this jog and the ridge in the simplest way possible.

# **BASIC HELICAL STRIPES**

- Round 1: With Yarn A knit 1 round, drop Yarn A and leave at back of work.
- Round 2: Join Yarn B and knit to 3 sts before end of round. SI 3sts purlwise from left to right needle, sm. Drop Yarn B and leave at back of work.
- Round 3: Pick up Yarn A and knit until 3 sts of Yarn B remain on LH needle. SI 3sts purlwise from left to right needle to reach Yarn B. Drop Yarn A and leave at back of work.
- Round 4: Pick up Yarn B and knit until 3 sts of Yarn A remain on LH needle. Sl 3sts purlwise from left to right needle to reach Yarn A. Drop Yarn B and leave at back of work.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 to form helical stripes.

Working like this means each colour change occurs before you reach the beg of round marker. This marker remains in place and is slipped as you come to it, by counting rounds to the LH side of it you can see how many complete rounds you have worked.

#### **PATTERN:**

### **BRIM:**

With Yarn A cast on 68 (80) sts using the long tail cast on. Join in the round being careful not to twist sts, and place marker for beg of round.

Rounds 1-6 (10): \*K2, P2; rep from \* to end of round.

#### **BODY:**

#### Size 1:

Round 7: Knit 1 round.

Round 8: Join Yarn B and work as Round 2 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Round 9: With Yarn A work as Round 3 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Round 10: With Yarn B work as Round 4 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Rep rounds 3-4 of Helical Stripe Pattern until 27 complete stripe rounds have been worked.

Round 28: With Yarn B work as Round 4 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

#### Size 2:

Round 11: Knit 1 round.

Round 12: Join Yarn B and work as Round 2 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Round 13: With Yarn A work as Round 3 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Round 14: With Yarn B work as Round 4 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

Rep rounds 3-4 of Helical Stripe Pattern until 41 complete stripe rounds have been worked.

Round 42: With Yarn B work as Round 4 of Helical Stripe Pattern.

#### **Both sizes:**

#### **CROWN DECREASES:**

If using a short circular, switch to dpns when there are too few stitches to work comfortably around the circular needle.

- Round 1: With Yarn A \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* until one st Yarn B remains on LH needle. SI this st purlwise to RH needle 52 (61) sts.
- Round 2: With Yarn B starting with next st on LH needle \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* until 3 sts Yarn A remain on LH needle. SI these sts purlwise to RH needle 36 (42) sts.
- Round 3: With Yarn A K2, K2tog (this completes first decrease round). \*K2tog; rep from \* until 3 sts Yarn B remain on LH needle, SI these sts purlwise to RH needle 22 (25) sts.
- Round 4: With Yarn B K1, k2tog (this completes second decrease round). \*K2tog; rep from \* until 2 (3) sts Yarn B remain on LH needle, SI these sts purlwise to RH needle 14 (16) sts. Cut Yarn B.

#### Size 1:

Round 5: With Yarn A (K2tog) x7 - 7 sts. (The last K2tog is 2sts of Yarn A.)

## Size 2:

Round 5: With Yarn A \*K2tog; rep from \* until one st Yarn B remain on LH needle. Knit this st tog with first st Yarn A, k2tog – 8 sts. (The last K2tog is 2sts of Yarn A.)

# **Both sizes:**

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches twice (this fills the loops of the sts to give a better finish). Pull tight and fasten off. Sew in all ends, make and attach pompom (f desired). Enjoy your new hat!

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