

Twinkle Hat with Top Fringe

This fun hat can be knit on any knitting board including the 10 inch mini board. It's made in 3 pieces. The result is fun and colorful.



Loom: Knitting Board with 22+ needles, ½" spacers between boards. (basic)

Yarn: Two yarns were used, one a soft blue worsted weight, alternated with a sparkly thick and thin of multiple colors. (1) skein of each yarn

Stitches: Stockinette and Open Braid

Notions: Knit hook for lifting the loops, Crochet hook for finishing, Large darning needle for sewing

Gauge: 2.5-3 stitches=1" depending on the yarn.

Instructions

Knit (3) identical pieces:

Cast On (18) Stitches in sparkle yarn. This will create a hat that is approx 24" around the face once completed. For a larger hat, use (20-22) stitches, or you can vary the cast on for each piece.

Knit in Stockinette for (14) rows:

The first row will be the sparkle yarn.

Tie in the blue yarn at beginning of 2nd row. Alternate the yarns for each row. There is no need to cut and tie after each row. If you want more glitter, you can knit (2) rows with sparkle



yarn and (1) of the solid blue.
Decrease (1) stitch each end.
Change to Open Braid stitch on the remaining (16) stitches.

(Open Braid is done by starting each row with needles #1 down to #4. Then, weaving every other needle to end of row. Take yarn straight across at end of row, and continue back as in Stockinette. Wrap all needles so that every needle has two wraps. This results in consecutive wrapping at the ends.)

Knit in Open Braid for (12) rows, continue with your alternating yarns.

Bind Off of board. Bind Off at anchor yarn.

Your (3) pieces of knitting are ready to sew together. Join all side seams creating a circular piece of knitting. The Open Braid is the top of the hat.

If you sew with the invisible stitch, you will not be able to find the seams. (This is done by picking up the inside loops at edge of knitted pieces. Take your sewing stitches from each piece of knitting, alternating. Then pull the yarn snugly, so that the two pieces are joined together, without binding.)

Sewing the top of hat and fringe

With your sewing needle and worsted yarn (double strand), pick up the loops at top edge of your hat, pulling the yarn thru the loops. Gather up so that you have a soft rounded top shaping to the hat. It should shape for your head. Your opening is smaller but not closed. Knot the yarn.



Cut the fringe in the sparkly yarn or add some blue if desired. Cut the strands 11-12". Using your crochet hook, attach the fringe to the top edge stitches of the hat. You do this by inserting the crochet hook into a top loop (stitch). Fold a strand of yarn over the hook, and pull thru the loop. Pull the ends of the strand thru the fold of yarn. Pull snug to create a knot at the hat edge. Continue this until you have fringe all around the top of hat. Gather the fringe together, like tying a pony tail in your hair. This will form the top of the hat. Tie a strand of yarn around the fringe (pony tail) and knot securely. The fringe will fall, creating the cute top knot for this hat. You can cut the fringe short for a pompom effect. Either way, it's ready to wear.

