



Pattern Collection: Accessories



Version 1

Cichlid Hats

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SIZES

Toddler (Child, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large)

Adult Small sample pictured.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ (10 $\frac{3}{4}$, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$)" with brim uncuffed (excluding pom pom); 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ (8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$, 9, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)" with brim cuffed (excluding pom pom)

Brim Circumference: 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ (14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 16, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$)" unstretched, stretches to approx. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ (20, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$, 23, 24 $\frac{3}{4}$)"

MATERIALS

Version 1

Universal Yarn Bamboo Bloom Handpaints (48% rayon from bamboo, 44% wool, 8% acrylic; 100g/154 yds)

- 305 Kimono (A) – 1 skein, all sizes

Universal Yarn Deluxe Worsted Superwash (100% superwash wool; 100g/218 yds)

- 743 Bashful Pink (B) – 1 ball, all sizes

Version 2

Universal Yarn Bamboo Bloom Handpaints (48% rayon from bamboo, 44% wool, 8% acrylic; 100g/154 yds)

- 318 Emperor (A) – 1 skein, all sizes

Universal Yarn Deluxe Worsted Superwash (100% superwash wool; 100g/218 yds)

- 765 Grape Rustic (B) – 1 ball, all sizes

Needles: US Size 5 (3.75 mm) 16" circular and set of DPNs *or size needed to obtain gauge*
US Size 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular and set of dpns *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Stitch marker, tapestry needle

GAUGE

20 sts x 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch with color A and larger ndl
25 sts x 32 rnds = 4" in K1, P1 Twisted Rib with color B and smaller ndl
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Bamboo Bloom Handpaints, the yarn used for the body of this hat is striking and unique. When worked in modest stockinette stitch, the colors in this yarn play together beautifully. The way this yarn works up reminds me of the interesting patterning seen on many cichlid varieties of fish.

The Cichlid Hats are worked in the round from the bottom up. The twisted ribbing fits snugly around the forehead but body of the hat is quite slouchy due to the difference in gauge between the two yarns used.

STITCH GUIDE

K1, P1 Twisted Rib

(even number of sts)

Rnd 1: * K1 tbl, p1 tbl; rep from * to end.
Rep Rnd 1 for patt.

HAT

With smaller circ ndl or dpns (for Toddler and Child sizes) and B, cast on 80 (90, 100, 110, 120) sts. PM and join to knit in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Work in K1, P1 Twisted Rib until piece meas 4 (4½, 5, 5½, 5½)" from cast-on edge. Break B. Join A. Switch to larger ndl

Hat Body

Work in St st until piece meas 8½ (9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from cast on edge.

Shape Crown

Note 1: Change to dpns when there are no longer enough sts to comfortably fit on the 16" circ.



Version 2

Note 2: For your convenience, Rnds 1-8 of Crown Shaping are also charted.

Rnd 1: * K2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2; rep from * to end – 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts dec'd, 64 (72, 80, 88, 96) sts rem. Patt will be repeated 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) times across each rnd.

Even Rnds 2, 4, & 6: Knit.

Rnd 3: * K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1; rep from * to end – 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts dec'd, 48 (54, 60, 66, 72) sts rem.

Rnd 5: * Ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * to end – 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts dec'd, 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts rem.

Rnd 7: * Ssk, k2tog; rep from * to end – 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts dec'd, 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts rem.

Rnd 8: * Ssk, rep from * to end – 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) sts dec'd, 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) sts rem.

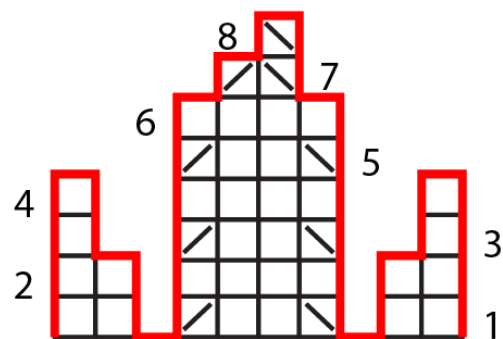
Break yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail through rem live sts. Pull taut to close.

FINISHING




Block to finished measurements and weave in ends. With color B, make a 2½ (2½, 3, 3, 3)" pom pom. Secure pom pom to top of hat. Weave in ends.

approx	approximately
circ	circle
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
meas	measures
ndl	needle
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
St st	Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop(s)

Crown Shaping



Key

-  pattern repeat
-  knit
-  ssk
-  k2tog