Bird Hat<br>By Cindy Walker



Sizes: Medium 18" around, 9" deep or Large- 21" around, 9" deep
Gauge: 8 stitches / 9 rows per inch
Needles: US size $2(2.75 \mathrm{~mm}) / 16^{\prime \prime}$ circular needles, US size $2(2.75 \mathrm{~mm})$ double pointed needles for crown decreases.

Yarn: Southern Bales Fingering-2 oz/ 240 yards: 2 longrun colorways, 1 longrun +1 solid, 2 solids, or a combination of solids that will yield 2 oz .

Know how: you will need to know how to do stranded knitting using to different yarns. We have videos showing you our techniques here: https://www.stonyhillfiberarts.com/KnittingVideos.html

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When big, bad, scary things happen I knit...
One beautiful spring day about ten years ago I was doing a little show in the Shelby NC. It was called Art on the Square. The "Square" being the block of green lawn and big oaks that surrounded the old courthouse. The pop up tents dotting the square were filled with vendors selling their wares of pottery, soaps, wooden bowls and yarn.
Along about 2:00 in the afternoon, things were a little quiet as the afternoon lull had arrived. I was sitting at my spinning wheel talking with my friends when a very loud explosion went off over on the distant corner of the green. I look over and saw a figure flying perpendicular to the ground, about three feet up. It was surreal, like a low flying superman. The figure then landed and crumpled to the ground in what seemed like slow motion.
Everyone stopped talking and stared. Then people began running to the body. We stayed put, my friends and booth neighbors, and silently held hands.
There had been a high speed chase through the town that resulted in a fatal accident. The police brought out a big tent like shield to cover the car. We were there for hours, watching in shock, as things unfolded. For a couple of weeks I just kept playing the scene back and forth in my brain. Knitting was the only thing that helped.
The flying figure was that of a teenage boy-the only one in the car that survived. So what looked like a nightmare, the flying boy, was actually a miracle. This hat is for him.

Cast On with A 132 st. for medium, 144 st. for large hats. Join in the round, making sure stitches are straight on the needles.
Rounds 1.-2. Knit 1 round, Purl 1 round.

## Brim - Corrugated Rib:

3.- 8. *p1 A, k1 B; *repeat around. Repeat Rib for 6 rounds 9. Knit 1 round with A (round 9).


## 10. Increase Round

## Stitch Definitions

Inc1: Knit into the front and the back of 1 stitch.
Basic Double Decrease: S2KP (sl $2 \mathrm{k} 1, \mathrm{p} 2 \mathrm{sso}$ ). slip two as if to knit two together - marked " s ", knit the next stitch in color charted - marked " k ", then pass two slip stitches over the knit stitch.
*rep @: repeat around
st(s).: stitch or stitches
A = Darker Yarn
B = Lighter Yarn

Medium: Color Way B - *k10, inc1; *rep @ = 144 sts. Large: Color Way B - *k5, inc1; *rep @ $=168$ sts.


Rounds 11. - 22. Knit the People Chart using the Darker Color Way A for figures, the lighter Color Way B for the Background. Follow the chart for your size.


## Bird Chart Increase Round

Round 1. With B - Medium Size: knit one round plain. (144 sts.)
With B - Large Size: *k83, inc1; *repeat around (170 sts.)

## Bird Chart

Medium follow chart stitches 1.-36. You will have 4 bird repeats around the hat.
Large follow chart stitches 1.-34. You will have 5 bird repeats around the hat.

## Crown Decreases

Medium 144 stitches: place marker ever 24 stitches
*k11, S2KP, (slip two as if to knit two together, knit the next stitch then pass two slip stitches over the knit stitch.) knit to marker, sm, *rep @ (132 sts.)
*k10, S2KP, knit to marker, sm, ; *rep @ (120 sts.)
Continue reducing by 1 stitch before the S 2 KP until you have only 12 stitches.
Large 170 stitches: *k83, k2tog, *repeat around (168 stitches). Place markers every 28 stitches.
*k13, S2KP, (slip two as if to knit two together, knit the next stitch then pass two slip stitches over the knit stitch.) knit to marker, sm, *rep @ (156 sts.)
*k12, S2KP, knit to marker, sm, ; *rep @ (144 sts.)
Continue reducing by 1 stitch before the S2KP until you have only 12 stitches.

## Finishing

Pull yarn through remaining stitches and sew in loose ends.

