



Slip Stitch Mosaic Hat

Materials: 175 yards each of two colors of fingering weight yarn, one solid (**MC**) and one variegated (**CC**). The two skeins should be compatible, but choosing yarns with a high degree of contrast really makes the design pop! Shown in Knit Picks Essential #23692 and Prism Merino Mia **Autumn**.

16" circular needles size US #1 and #2; double points size US #2; stitch marker

Gauge: 30 stitches = 4" (10 cm) in maze check pattern on size US #2 needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

Abbreviations: k: knit; k2tog: knit two stitches together; sl: with yarn in back, slip as if to purl

With size 1 circular needle and **MC** and using long-tail cast-on, cast on 140 stitches. Use an extra long tail so that remaining tail is long enough to later sew turned under hem into place. For now, wind extra tail into a butterfly or onto a small bobbin to keep it out of the way while you knit the rest of the hat. Place marker and join stitches into round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work 1" in stockinette stitch (knit every round), then purl one round.

Change to size 2 circular needle and knit three rounds, then join **CC** and begin maze check pattern (repeat pattern 10 times over 140 stitches).

Maze check pattern: **Main** (solid) color / **Contrast** (variegated) color

Round 1: *k7, (sl 1, k1) 3X, sl 1* (repeat from * to * around)

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds through round 32: with same color as previous round, knit the knit stitches worked on previous round and slip the stitches slipped on previous round.

Round 3: *k6, (sl 1, k1) 4X*

Round 5: *k5, (sl 1, k1) 4X, k1*

Round 7: *k4, (sl 1, k1) 4X, k2*

Round 9: *k3, (sl 1, k1) 4X, k3*

Round 11: *k2, (sl 1, k1) 4X, k4*

Round 13: *k1, (sl 1, k1) 4X, k5*

Round 15: *(sl 1, k1) 4X, k6*

Round 17: *k1, sl 1, k6, (k1, sl 1) 3X*

Round 19: *sl 1, k7, (sl 1, k1) 3X*

Round 21: *k1, sl 1, k7, (sl 1, k1) 2X, sl 1*

Round 23: *(sl 1, k1) 2X, k6, (sl 1, k1) 2X*

Round 25: *(k1, sl 1) 2X, k6, (k1, sl 1) 2X*

Round 27: *(sl 1, k1) 3X, k6, sl 1, k1*

Round 29: *(k1, sl 1) 3X, k7, sl 1*

Round 31: *(sl 1, k1) 4X, k6*

Work in maze check for two complete repeats (64 rounds), ending with round 32. With **MC**, knit two more rounds.

Working in simple 2-round stripes and beginning with **CC**, begin decrease rounds as follows, changing to double pointed needles when necessary. Note: all even-numbered rounds are knit (no decreases) using the same color as previous round.

For a shorter, closer fitting crown:

Round 1: *knit 8, k2tog* (repeat from * to * around)

Round 3: *knit 7, k2tog*

Round 5: *knit 6, k2tog*

Round 7: *knit 5, k2tog*

Round 9: *knit 4, k2tog*

Round 11: *knit 3, k2tog*

Round 13: *knit 2, k2tog*

Round 15: *knit 1, k2tog*

Round 17: *k2tog*

Round 18: *k2tog* (7 stitches remain)

For a slightly fuller crown (shown in picture):

Round 1: *knit 12, k2tog* (repeat from * to * around)

Round 3: *knit 11, k2tog*

Round 5: *knit 10, k2tog*

Round 7: *knit 9, k2tog*

Round 9: *knit 8, k2tog*

Round 11: *knit 7, k2tog*

Round 13: *knit 6, k2tog*

Round 15: *knit 5, k2tog*

Round 17: *knit 4, k2tog*

Round 19: *knit 3, k2tog*

Round 21: *knit 2, k2tog*

Round 23: *knit 1, k2tog*

Round 25: *k2tog*

Round 26: *k2tog* (5 stitches remain)

Cut both **CC** and **MC**, leaving tails to weave in. Pull **MC** tail through to inside. Thread **CC** tail onto tapestry needle and draw through the remaining stitches on the double point needles, then pull tail to inside. Knot the **MC** and **CC** tails together, then weave each tail in on inside of hat.

Turn hem under along purled turning round and stitch into place along inside of hat. Weave in any remaining ends.

Block hat: soak in cool water, squeeze out excess water in a towel, and place hat over one end of a jumbo-size roll of paper towels (make sure paper towel roll is still wrapped or cover first with a plastic bag).