Totoro Hat

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INSTRUCTIONS

Terms/Charts Used

K- knit

P- purl

Join in the round

K2tog- knit 2 together

Charts (colorwork)

K1fb- Knit through front and back of a st to make one.

About

Knit yourself an adorable totoro hat using two colors of yarn. This hat is adult sized. It measures 8 by 9 inches (9 being across the totoro, 8 being brim to top, not including pompom) with NO stretch applied and laid flat. It stretches 2 inches in each direction and easily fits on my 23 inch adult head.

Gauge: measured in the stranded colorwork section is 5 sts an inch using the 4.5 mm knitting needles.

This tutorial is made to be used in tandem with a youtube video. Video can be seen here (<----- clickable link)

You will need:

- 300 yards of worsted weight yarn. (200 main color, 100 contrast color)
- Size 4mm double pointed knitting needles for the brim
- Size 4.5mm double pointed knitting needles for the colorwork section and for the top of the hat.
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends.
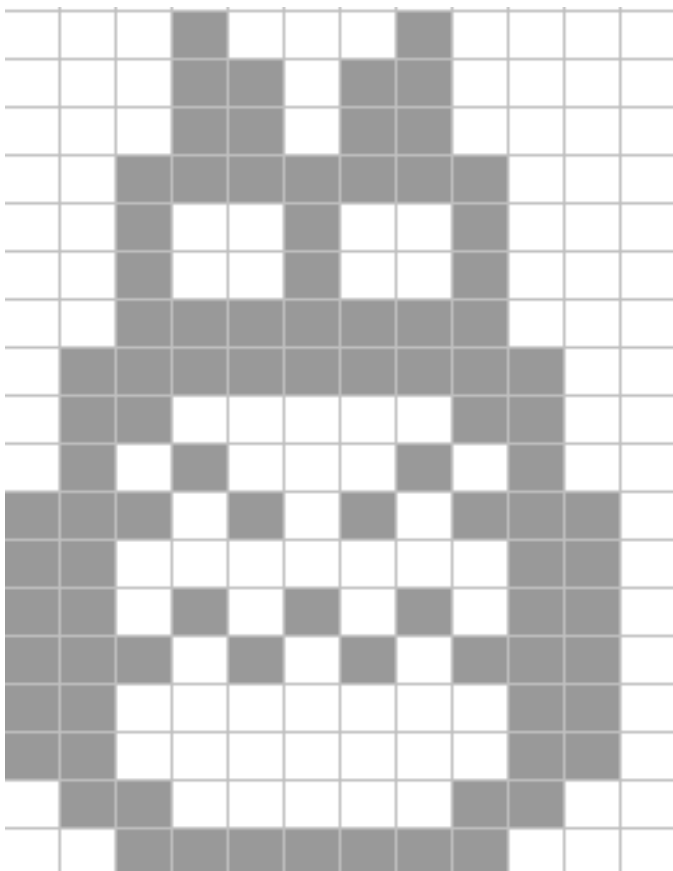- A head to put the finished item on.

PATTERN

Cast on 97 sts using Main color on 4.0mm double pointed knitting needles. Please use a stretchy cast on like the long tail or the crochet cast on. I used crochet cast on (picture tutorial included in PDF) Place 32 sts on each needle. Join in the round. (after joining in the round you should have 96 sts)

1) K2 P2 until work measures 2 inches.

2) Switch to 4.5 mm knitting needles. Still using just the main color, *k7, k1fb repeating from * around for 108 sts. You should now have 36 sts on each needle, and this will cause 3 totoro repeats on each needle for a total of 9 totoros total on hat.

3) Attach contrast color to your work. Knitting all sts, work colorwork chart from right to left, repeating chart three times for each needle.
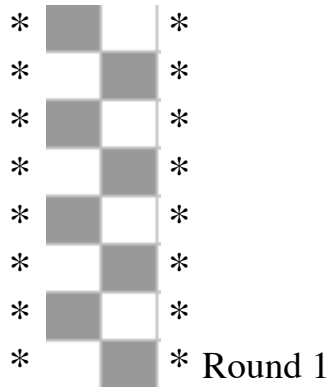

Round 1

4) after chart is done, work one round knitting all sts using just the main color.

PATTERN

5) After completing totoro chart and main color round, we will work 8 more rounds before binding off. Knitting all stitches, alternate main color with contrast color to create a checkerboard pattern. The chart for the next 8 rows looks like this, repeating from * around for each round.

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*  ▓      *
*      ▓  *
*  ▓      *
*      ▓  *
*  ▓      *
*      ▓  * Round 1
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6) Now we will decrease for the top of the hat. We will no longer be working with the contrast color. Cut the contrast color, leaving a long tail to weave in. Using only main color from this point on.

R1: Knit all sts
R2: *K10, K2tog repeat from * around
R3: K all sts
R4: *K9, K2tog repeat from * around
R5: K all sts
R6: *K8, K2tog repeat from * around
R7: K all sts
R8: *K7, K2tog repeat from * around
R9: K all sts
R10: *K2, K2tog repeat from *around
R11: K all sts
R12: *K1, K2tog repeat from * around
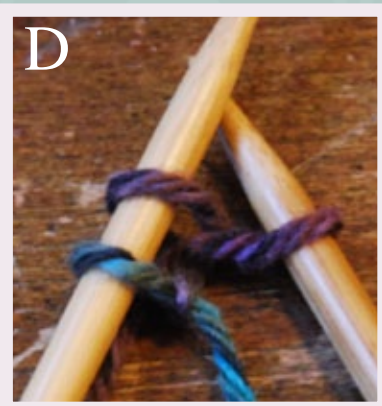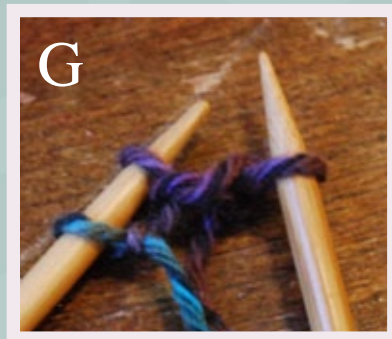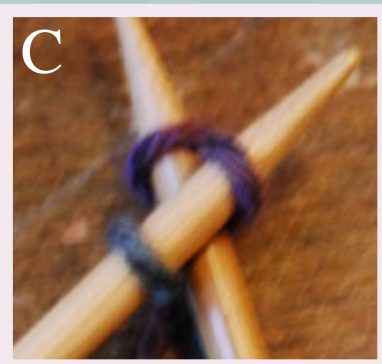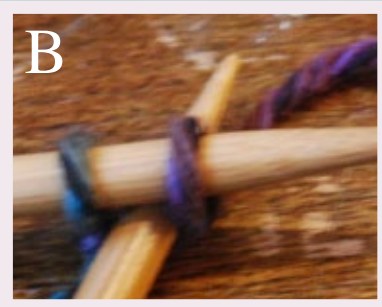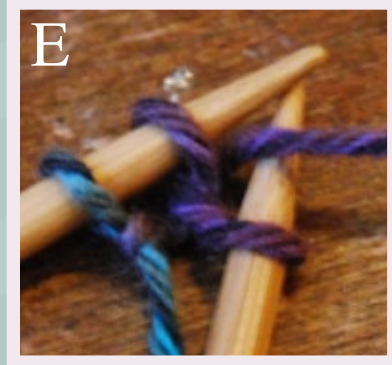R13: Knit all sts
R14: K2tog all the way around
R15: K all sts

See the video tutorial if confused: CLICK HERE

7) cut yarn and thread through remaining sts, pull tight, add pom pom if needed and weave in all ends.

CASTING ON

The Crochet Cast-On

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

1) Start off with a slip knot and a normal stitch on your needle (A).

2) Put your second needle in between the stitches (B) The needle should be against the other needle, with the yarn below it.

3) (C) Yarn over with your working yarn (NOT the tail)

4) Pull this yarn over through the two stitches. (D)

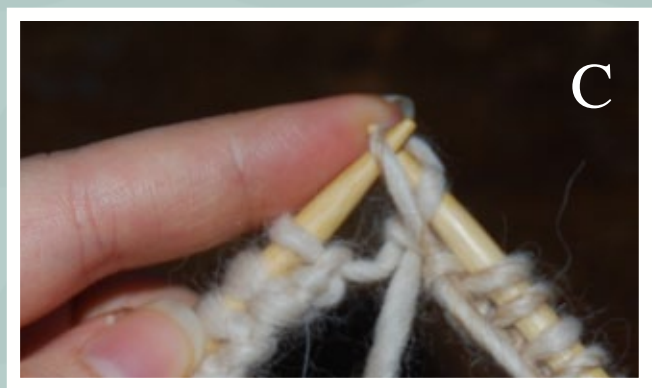5) Yarn over on your second needle (NOT using tail) (E)

6) Now slip your first needle under the stitch on your second needle (F) and pull it over the yarn over that is also on your second needle, leaving the yarn over on the second needle (G)

7) You have now formed that third stitch. Slip it on to your left needle (H) and repeat from step 2 (B) to form more stitches.

*many use a crochet hook to do this, but I don't.

JOINING IN ROUND

1) Cast on ONE extra stitch. (already in pattern)
2) Make sure your working yarn is coming off the right needle.
3) Take first stitch on left needle and pass as if to purl onto the right needle
4) Now take what was the first stitch but is now the second stitch on the right needle and pass it OVER that stitch you just slipped, and off the needle. (like a PSSO)
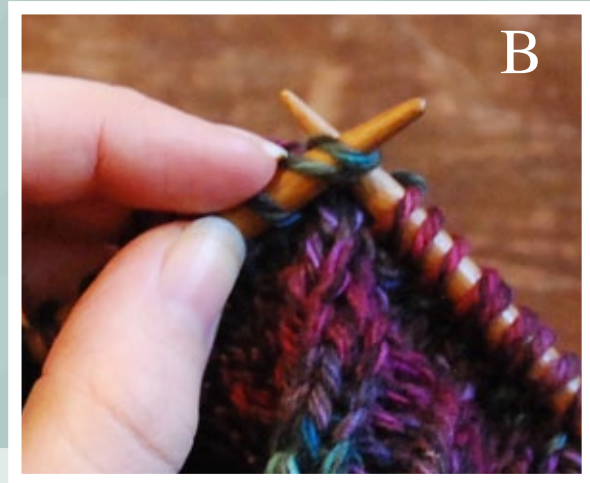5) Pull your tails and working yarn to make it tight. Done!

ADDING COLOR

To add another color to your work, simply tie (A) the new color (light blue) to your working yarn (the dark blue). Make sure to leave a tail to weave in.

When knitting, I hold one color on top of my hand, and the other one between my second and middle finger. (B) I have a great video on my YouTube channel about how to knit with two colors and keep tension on both strands. You can view the video here.

K2TOG

K2tog means to knit two stitches together like they are one stitch. (A) You simply knit through two stitches like it is one. See how I make sure I have two stitches close together (B) and knit into them like they are a single stitch?

This will leave only one stitch on your right needle when you are done. (C) and it makes a little "lean" (D) when finished.
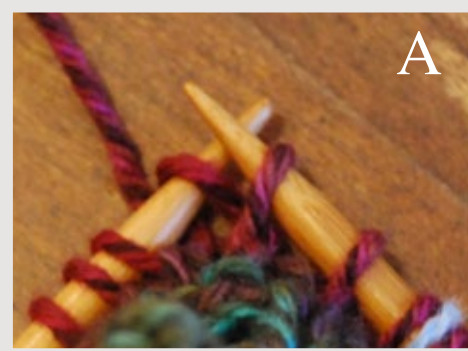
See how their are two loops on the end of this stitch? This is a finished K2tog

Placing a lot of k2tog on top of each other in rows or rounds will create this leaning effect in the finished knitted product.
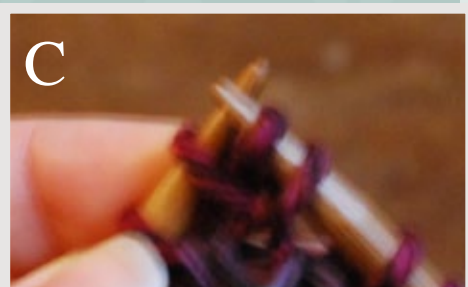
K1FB

A

This is an increase stitch. It takes one stitch and makes it into two stitches.

1) Start off by knitting into the live stitch on your left, working needle: BUT don't slide the stitch off your left needle yet like a regular knit stitch. (A)

B

2) Knit again though this same stitch by taking your right needle and placing it behind the left needle (B) and knitting. Now you have two stitches on your right needle and the one stitch you knit into twice on your left needle (C)
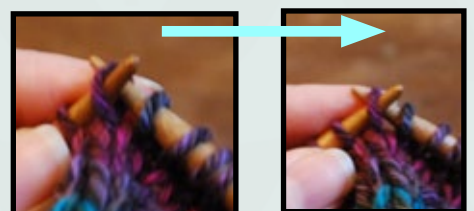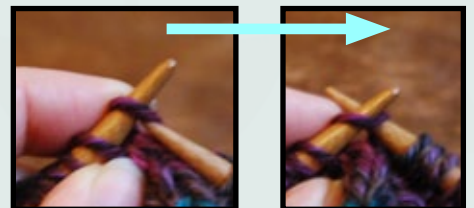
C

3) Drop stitch three off your left needle (D) The back-knit stitch sort of looks like a purl stitch, see?

D

Extra Explanation:

You usually knit like this: by going front to back.

However, when knitting through the back loop (KTBL) you slide your needle and knit like this: always staying behind the stitch.

THE SKINNY

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