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Bobble Hats

A very simple 'Seafarer' inspired Bobble Hat

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My Woolly Hat Design by Helen Pillot de Chenecey

"Craft Revolution Bobble Hats are inspired by the brightly painted fishing boats in Brighton where I live and the round colourful buoys I love watching bobbing in the sea. I enjoy listening to the Shipping Forecast on the radio whilst knitting, so decided to name each of my designs after the region names I have become familiar with!"

Materials: 3 balls of Aran weight Wool (approx 50g of each colour)
I have used a combination of 'Erika Knight for John Lewis Aran British Wool' and 'Rowan Aran weight Wool' but any Aran weight Wool will work.
A Pair of 5mm needles.
A Clover Pom-pom maker – the green one - 65mm diameter or the cardboard method.
A wool sewing needle, sharp scissors.

Tension: a square of 18 stitches and 24 rows should measure 10cm.
Abbreviations: K-knit, p-purl, sts-stitches, st st - stocking stitch, inc - increase.

If you get stuck, look at my website for tutorials, come and see me in Brighton, ask a friend or family member who can knit, ask for help at your local wool shop or look up knitting tutorials on youtube – there's a wealth of knowledge out there - knitters love passing on their skills!

Using colour one Cast on 90 sts using the two needle cable method.
Change to colour two and in 2x2 rib: row 1: K2, P2, K2, repeat to end of row.
Row 2: P2, K2, P2 Repeat to end of row
Repeat in 2 x 2 rib for 22 rows in total (inc 1 stitch at the end of last row by knitting into front and back of last stitch – 91 sts).

Change to Stocking stitch - knit a row, purl a row and repeat. Continue in st st for 4 rows in colour two.
Change to colour three or a combination of colours to create stripes. Continue in st st for 20 more rows ending on a purl row. (24 Rows of st st in total).

Shape Top:

Row 1	(K8 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 2,3,4	Purl a row, Knit a row, Purl a row
Row 5	(K7 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 6,7,8	Purl a row, Knit a row, Purl a row
Row 9	(K6 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 10,11,12	Purl a row, Knit a row, Purl a row
Row 13	(K5 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 14	Purl a row
Row 15	(K4 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 16	Purl a row
Row 17	(K3 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 18	Purl a row
Row 19	(K2 sts, Knit 2sts together) repeat ( ) to last stitch, Knit 1
Row 20	Purl 2 sts together, repeat to end of row.

Break yarn and thread through remaining 14 stitches.
Pull tight and fasten off with needle, using threads to sew up side seam and rib as neatly and invisibly as possible. Weave in any loose ends with sewing needle.

Make a pom-pom in colour one or a mix of colours and sew on top.

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