

Basic Ear-Saver for Mask (Konektor Masker)

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Yarn: Papiput Tough Sock in Nelayan colorway. 75% superwash merino, 25% nylon. 400m per 100g. Fingering weight.

Needles: 1 pair of 3.5mm straight or circular knitting needles.

Additional Notion: 1 tapestry needle. 2 buttons.

Cast on 3 stitches. Turn the work.

Increase

All Odd Rows (Wrong Side): Knit all stitches.

Set-Up Row 2 (Right Side): Knit 1 stitch, knit the front leg - keeping the stitch on the left needle - then knit the back leg of the same stitch, knit the last stitch. [1 stitch increased].

Set-Up Row 4 (Right Side): Knit 1 stitch, knit front and back onto the next 2 stitches, knit the last stitch. [2 stitches increased].

Increase Row 1 (Right Side): Knit 1 stitch, knit front and back onto the next stitch, knit until 2 stitches left, knit front and back onto the next stitch, knit the last stitch. [2 stitches increased].

Row 2 (Wrong Side): Knit all stitches.

Repeat Increase Rows 1 and Rows 2 until there are 14 stitches on the needles.

Body

Row 1 (Right Side): Knit all stitches.

Row 2 (Wrong Side): Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 8 (for behind the ears) or 14 (for hijab or over a ponytail) times more.

Decrease

Row 1 (Right Side): Knit the first stitch, slip-slip-knit (*slip the first and second stitch on the left needle as if to knit, one at a time, insert the tip of left needle to the front legs of those 2 stitches, wrap the yarn to the right needle then pull through both legs*), knit until 3 stitches left, knit the next 2 stitches together as if they are 1 stitch, knit the last stitch. [2 stitches decreased].

Row 2 (Wrong Side): Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until there are 4 stitches on the needles.

Next Right Side: Knit the first stitch, knit the next 2 stitches together as if they are 1 stitch, knit the last stitch. [1 stitch decreased].

Next Wrong Side: Bind off all stitches. Cut the yarn about 10cm long.

Finishing

Rinse the finished piece with room-temperature water then soak with a gentle soap or shampoo for 15-25 minutes. Rinse gently without pressing it too hard or twisting until clean. Press the finished piece gently. Lay it over a towel, then roll it inside the towel to remove the excess water. Lay flat onto a waterproof mat and block it without pulling it too hard using stainless steel pins until completely dry. Weave all the yarn ends using tapestry needles. Sew 2 buttons on each end of the edges (lengthwise), about 4cm from the cast on and bind off edges using the same yarn.