

Cyclone



This has been the year of Weather. This Mosaic stitch pattern reminded me of the circular wind patterns that comes with some of those types of weather, such as Cyclones, here on the West Coast; and Hurricanes, on the East Coast.

So I designed a hat.

Mosaic knitting is a method of creating colourwork and textural patterns without carrying yarns across your work.

Materials: Chunky weight yarn, 75 grs of the main, white and 50 grs of the contrast, rust, sample was knit with Eco Scandinavian Chunky; 5.0mm US #9 40cm 16-inch circs and 6.0mm US #10 40cm 16-inch circs and dpns; markers and the regular notions.

Gauge: 15 sts in 4 inches in mosaic pattern – lightly stretched.

Size: One size – approx. 20 – 22 inches to fit the average adult or teen head.

Abbreviations: **s1** – slip 1 st. **M1** – Make 1 stitch by using your right-hand needle and lifting the running yarn between the last stitch on the right-hand needle and the first stitch on the left-hand needle, placing the yarn onto the left-hand needle and purl into the back of the yarn to twist it closed and make a new stitch. **pm** – Place Marker. **slm** – Slip the marker with your needle as you come to it. **BORM** – beginning of round marker. **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together.

Notes on Mosaic Knitting:

Mosaic knitting is colourwork without stranding, instead you knit with one colour and slip the stitches for the second colour. Each colour is worked in a two-row sequence. Mosaic knitting patterns are easiest to read when in chart format. The colour squares at the right side of the graph, column 0, represents the colour the rows are knit with, while the other colour is slipped where indicated.

Notes on Reading Mosaic Charts: When working **circularly** read all rows from right to left and work only with the colour indicated and slip the colour that you are not working with. **Always slip your stitches purlwise.**

Notes on Sizing – the pattern can be made larger by working with a larger needle size, a 6.5mm US #10.5 or 7.0mm US #10.75 needle. The mosaic st is a very forgiving style of knitting. For a smaller size, go the opposite way, try a light weight chunky or heavy aran and work with 5.5mm US #9 needles.



Pattern



Ribbing

Working with smaller needle size and contrast yarn, cast-on 72 sts. Place BORM and join into a round being careful not to twist the cast-on sts.

Next round – switch to main colour and start K2, P2 ribbing pattern.

Work 8 rounds in 2 x 2 ribbing pattern.

Next round – increase round – (K18, M1) 4 times – 76 sts.

Body

Change to larger size needle. Start working either from written or charted pattern.

If working from the written pattern – coloured ink rounds are worked in the contrast colour and black ink rounds are worked in the main colour.

If working from charted pattern – start with the contrast colour for the first two rounds and then work the main colour for the next two rounds. Repeat the 4 round colour pattern until the chart is complete.

Note – the decrease rounds for the crown start within the pattern on Round 32.

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Round 1: ((K1, sl) × 4, k3, (sl, k1) × 4) 4 times. (76 sts)

Round 2: ((P1, sl) × 4, p3, (sl, p1) × 4) 4 times.

Rounds 3 - 4: (K8, sl, k3, sl, k6) 4 times.

Round 5: ((K1, sl) × 2, (k5, sl) × 2, k1, sl, k1) 4 times.

Round 6: ((P1, sl) × 2, (p5, sl) × 2, p1, sl, p1) 4 times.

Rounds 7 - 8: (K4, (sl, k1) × 3, sl, k3, sl, k4) 4 times.

Round 9: (K1, sl, k7, (sl, k3) × 2, sl, k1) 4 times.

Round 10: (P1, sl, p7, (sl, p3) × 2, sl, p1) 4 times.

Rounds 11 - 12: (K2, sl, k3, sl × 3, k5, sl, k1, sl, k2) 4 times.

Round 13: (K3, sl, k1, sl, k11, sl, k1) 4 times.

Round 14: (P3, sl, p1, sl, p11, sl, p1) 4 times.

Rounds 15 - 16: (K2, (sl, k1) × 2, sl, k5, sl × 3, k1, sl, k2) 4 times.

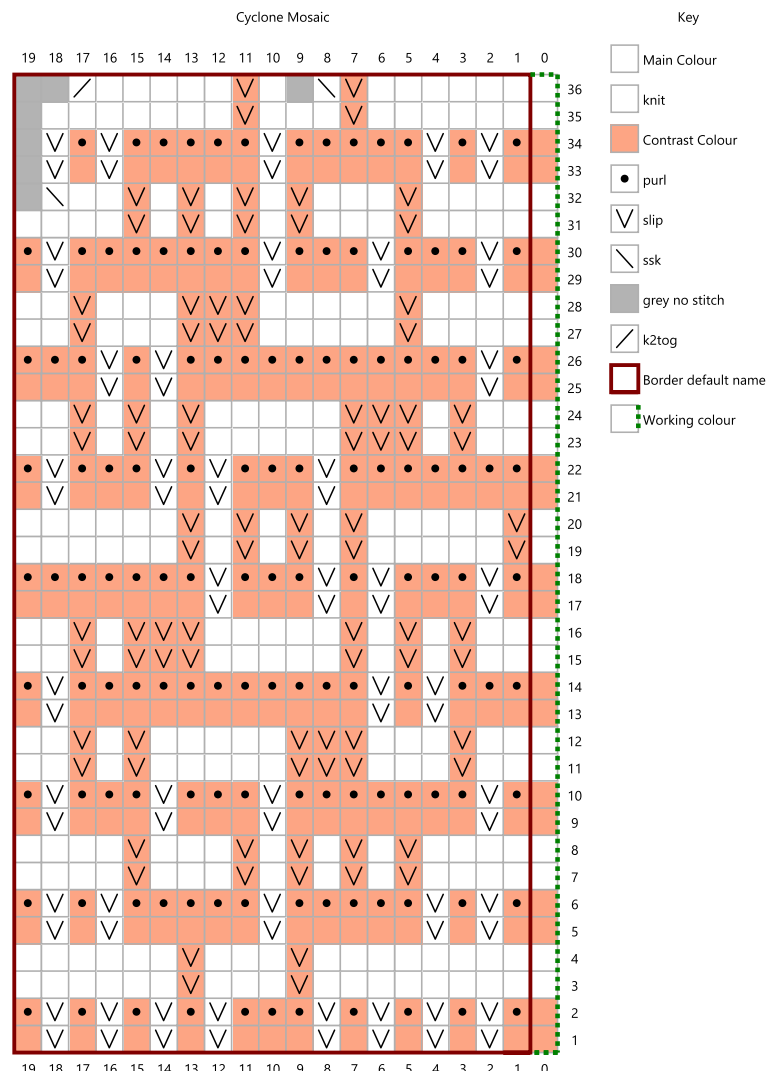
Round 17: ((K1, sl, k3, sl) × 2, k7) 4 times.

Round 18: ((P1, sl, p3, sl) × 2, p7) 4 times.

Rounds 19 - 20: (Sl, k5, (sl, k1) × 3, sl, k6) 4 times.

Round 21: (K7, (sl, k3, sl, k1) × 2) 4 times.

Round 22: (P7, (sl, p3, sl, p1) × 2) 4 times.



Rounds 23 - 24: (K2, sl, k1, sl × 3, k5, (sl, k1) × 2, sl, k2) 4 times.

Round 25: (K1, sl, k11, sl, k1, sl, k3) 4 times.

Round 26: (P1, sl, p11, sl, p1, sl, p3) 4 times.

Rounds 27 - 28: (K4, sl, k5, sl × 3, k3, sl, k2) 4 times.

Round 29: (K1, (sl, k3) × 2, sl, k7, sl, k1) 4 times.

Round 30: (P1, (sl, p3) × 2, sl, p7, sl, p1) 4 times.

Round 31: (K4, sl, k3, (sl, k1) × 3, sl, k4) 4 times.

Round 32: (K4, sl, k3, (sl, k1) × 3, sl, k2, ssk) 4 times. (72 sts)

Round 33: ((K1, sl) × 2, (k5, sl) × 2, k1, sl) 4 times.

Round 34: ((P1, sl) × 2, (p5, sl) × 2, p1, sl) 4 times.

Round 35: (K6, sl, k3, sl, k7) 4 times.

Round 36: (K6, sl, ssk, k1, sl, k5, k2tog) 4 times. (64 sts)

Crown

Round 38: (K6, K2tog) 8 times – 56 sts.

Round 39, 41, 43, 45, 47 and 49 – knit.

Round 40: (K5, K2tog) 8 times – 48 sts.

Round 42: (K4, K2tog) 8 times – 40 sts.

Round 44: (K3, K2tog) 8 times – 32 sts.

Round 46: (K2, K2tog) 8 times – 24 sts.

Round 48: (K1, K2tog) 8 times – 16 sts.

Round 50: (K2tog) 8 times – 8 sts.

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving an 8-inch tail.

Thread tail onto a blunt needle
gather up the sts onto the needle
and then pull the yarn through.

Gently cinch the sts and then push
the needle to the inside of the hat.

Weave in all ends and block as
desired.

