

McIntosh Apples Hat

Named after the most popular apple in our designer's home country of Canada, this cute slouchy hat knits up quickly and would make a great gift

Essentials...

Size

S (M, L)

To fit youth (adult, large adult)

See schematic for finished measurements

Yarn

- Malabrigo Yarn Rios
- 1 skein each in Natural (MC), Ravelry Red (CC1) and Lettuce (CC2)

£10.95 per skein from www.tangled-yarn.co.uk

About the yarn

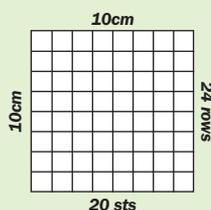
Aran; 192m per 100g skein; 100% Merino wool

Needles

- 4.5 mm, one 40cm circular or set of DPNS
- You will need two sets of whichever you choose to use

Tension

Measured over St st



Other supplies

- stitch markers
- crochet hook
- tapestry needle

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THIS NATTY LITTLE hat would make the perfect present, not least because it's so cost effective. You use less than half a skein of CC1 and even less of CC2, so the more you make the more affordable each hat becomes! If you're feeling creative, you could also just use the basic shape and add your own motifs for a really personal present.

Lining

Using Provisional Cast On and CC1, cast on 88 (96, 104) sts. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Pm to mark beg of rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Next Rnd: *K9 (10, 11), k2tog; rep from * to end. 80 (88, 96) sts

Continue in St st until work measures 7.5cm.

Main body

Change to MC.

Knit 1 rnd.

Next Rnd: Purl.

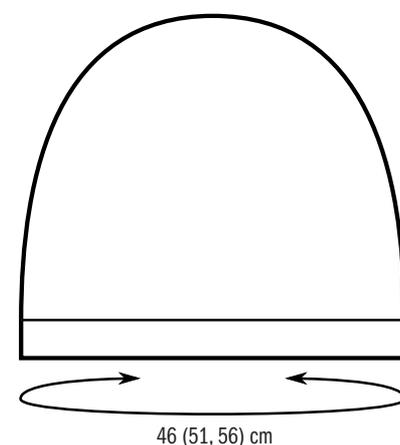
Next Rnd: *K9 (10, 11), kfb; rep from * to end. 88 (96, 104) sts

Continue in St st until length is exactly the same length as lining.

Joining the hem

Fold piece of knitting at the purl ridge with WS together so that the sts from the lining yarn line up with the sts from the main body, st for st. Make sure that the St st of the lining and the main body is the side facing out. Put all the sts from the provisional cast on onto spare needles. Holding needle with MC sts and needle with CC sts together, line up the stitches and k2tog 1 st from the lining yarn and 1 st from the main body, thus joining the hem. You will work 88 (96, 104) k2togs to attach the hem.

Schematic



Knit 2 rnds in MC.

Begin working colourwork chart, working Rnds 1-15 once.

With MC only, continue in St st until hat measures 22 cm.

Begin decreases

Next Rnd: *K11 (12, 13), pm; rep from * to end.

Next Rnd: *K2tog, k to marker; rep from * to end. 80 (88, 96) sts

Next Rnd: Knit.

Rep these last 2 rnds until 32 sts remain.

Next Rnd: *K2tog; rep from * to end. 16 sts
Break yarn and draw tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten.

Finishing: Weave in ends. Block hat.

Tassel

To make a tassel, cut a piece of cardboard 10cm wide and 7.5cm long. Beginning and ending at the same bottom edge, securely wrap yarn around narrower direction of cardboard, but not too tight, until you reach the desired fullness of the tassel. Cut a length of

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200g ARAN


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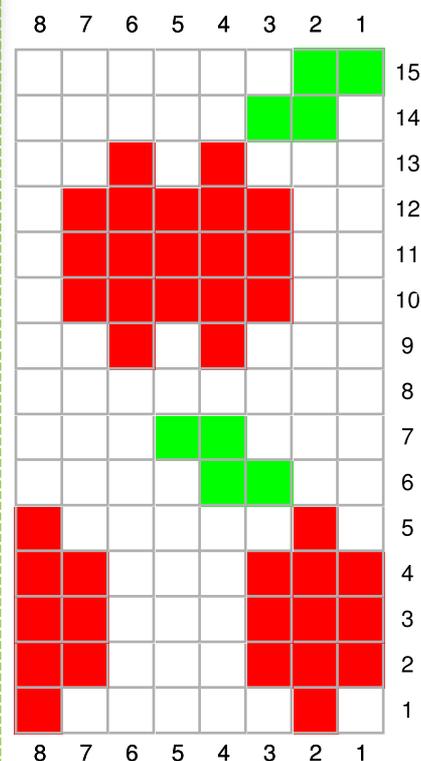
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Chart



Key

MC CC1 CC2

around until they begin to kink up. Hold onto the cut ends (or have someone help you) while threading the loop end through a yarn needle. Pull the yarn through the top of the tassel, put both the loop end and the cut ends in one hand and then release them, allowing them to twist around each other anticlockwise. Smooth out the twists so that they are uniform along the length of the cord.

Attach to hat

Using a crochet hook, pull the yarn ends through to the inside of the hat. Thread the ends two at a time onto a yarn needle and fasten the ends securely to the inside of the hat.

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yarn at least 30cm long and thread through tapestry needle. Slip needle underneath wrapped yarn at upper edge, pull together tightly and fasten with a knot. Leave the yarn tail to attach tassel to work. Cut through yarn at lower edge.

Take a second length of yarn and wrap it securely around the tassel several times just below the top-edge knot. Knot securely,

thread ends onto tapestry needle and pull to centre of tassel. Trim ends even at bottom edge.

Twisted cord

Cut a length of yarn about 70 cm long. Fold in half. Anchor the yarn strands at the fold by looping over a doorknob or holding between your knees. Twist around and

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When I was growing up in Canada, McIntosh apples were the most common variety available. Everyone ate them and cooked with them. According to Wikipedia, the Apple Mac computer is named after this apple.

