## Slouchy Slip Stitch Patterns Hat

## Size

To fit the average adult head 55 cm . (with a negative ease of 10\%)

## Materials

Rico Design Essentials Sort Merino Aran:
Yarn A: $1 \times 50 \mathrm{~g}$ ball in Cream shade 61
Yarn B: $1 \times 50 \mathrm{~g}$ ball in Petrol shade 25
Yarn C: $1 \times 50 \mathrm{~g}$ ball in Burgundy shade 18
$1 \times$ pair 4.5 mm (UK 7/US 7) single pointed needles
$1 \times$ pair 5 mm (UK 6/US 8) single pointed needles

## Tension

24 sts and 20 rows to a $10 \mathrm{~cm}(4 \mathrm{in})$ square in slip stitch pattern 1 with 4.5 mm needles. 18 sts and 24 rows to a 10 $\mathrm{cm}(4 \mathrm{in})$ square in Stocking Stitch and the other slip stitch patterns with 5 mm needles.

## Abbreviations

st/sts - stitch/stitches
RS/WS- right side/wrong side
Dec/inc - decrease/increase
K/P- knit/purl
K2tog - knit 2 sts together
SI 1/2-slip 1/2 stitches purlwise to the right needle
Wyib - with yarn at the back
Wyif - with yarn at the front

## Pattern stitches

## Stocking Stitch (st st)

Row 1 (RS): knit
Row 2: purl

## Instructions

Using 4.5 mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 120 sts using a stretchy cast on method such as long tail or thumb method. Pattern note: this first slip stitch pattern creates a very dense fabric which is cosy for the brim of the hat.

Set up row (WS): Knit.

Work in slip stitch pattern 1 (called Corn on the Cob Pattern), working with 2 colours, but only one colour at once. Leave the unused yarn at the side of your work to be picked up a the next colour change:
Row 1 (RS): Using yarn B, k1, *k1, sl 1 wyib; rep from * to last st, k1.
Row 2: Using yarn B, k1, *sl 1 wyif, k1; rep from * to last st, k1.
Row 3: Using yarn A, k1, *sl 1 wyib, k1 in the row below; rep from * to last st, k1.
Row 4: Using yarn A, k1, *k1, sl 1 wyif; rep from * to last st, k1.
Rep these 4 rows till work measures 5 cm , ending with row 4. Break yarn B.

Change to 5 mm needles and cont in yarn A. Work the following dec row:
Next row: K3, *k2tog, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3. 91 sts.
Next row: Purl.

Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a RS row.
${ }^{* *}$ Work slip stitch pattern 2 as follows, joining in yarns B and C. Carry yarn A up the side loosely.


Row 1 (RS): Using yarn B, knit.
Row 2: Using yarn $B$, knit.
Row 3: Using yarn C, k1, *k3, sl 2 wyib, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 4: Using yarn C, p2, *p3, sl 2 wyif, p3; rep from * to last st, p1.
Row 5: Using yarn B, knit.
Row 6: Using yarn B, knit.

Break yarns B and C and cont in yarn $\mathrm{A} .{ }^{* *}$

Work in st st for 4 rows starting with a RS row.

Work slip stitch pattern 3 as follows, joining in yarns B and C. Carry yarn A up the side:


Break yarn B and yarn C, and cont in yarn $A$.

Work in st st for 4 rows starting with a RS row.

Work Slip Stitch Pattern 2 from ** to ** once more.

Using yarn A work in st st till hat measures 21 cm , ending with a WS row.

Shape crown as follows:
Crown row 1 (RS): k1, *k3, k2tog, k3: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 80 sts.
Crown row 2 and WS rows: purl
Crown row 3: k1, *k2, k2tog, k3: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 69 sts.

Crown row 5: k1, *k2, k2tog, k2: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 58 sts.
Crown row 7: k1, *k1, k2tog, k2: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 47 sts.
Crown row 9: k1, *k1, k2tog, k1: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 36 sts.
Crown row 11: k1, *k1, k2tog: rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 25 sts.

Now leave a long tail and thread this through the rem sts and pull tight. Use this to seam down the back of the hat. Weave in ends and block lightly, avoiding the ribbing.

