

moth heaven



Dinosaur Hood by Julia Farwell-Clay



A fitted hood for an average size toddler's head (18 to 20 inches) with button strap under the chin and separately knitted and applied saw tooth trim.

Materials: 160 yards of Aran weight yarn in main colour, and no more than 20 yards of a contrast colour.

US 7 circular knitting needles or size to achieve gauge

3 ring markers or pieces of scrap yarn to serve as counting guides.

One 3/4" button.

Gauge: 18 sts /4"

Note: I chose for my original version of this hat the now-discontinued Reynolds Olé Olé (2 skeins of main color, 1 of the contrast) because this cotton made a kid-friendly non-itchy fabric that had good body to hold the standing saw tooth pattern, and the colours were so dinosaur-like. In the meantime, knitters seem to have had good luck with Lion Brand Wool-Ease and Knit-Picks Shine Worsted, among others.

Saw Tooth Stitch

(worked in a garter stitch)

CO 2 stitches

Row 1: K1 yo K1

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: Knit all stitches.

Row 3: K1 yo K2

Row 5: K1 yo K3

Row 7: K1 yo K4

Row 9: K1 yo K5

Row 11: K1 yo K6

Row 13: K1 yo K7

Row 14: cast off 7st. 2 st remain.

Repeat from row 1

Collar and Hood

In main colour, work 9 repeats of Saw Tooth Stitch, cast off all stitches on last row 14. Do not break yarn.

Place ring markers along straight edge of piece to mark quarter, halfway, and three quarters points. Using markers as a guide, and without breaking yarn, pickup along straight edge about 25 sts per quarter, 99 stitches in all, by generally working 3 stitches every 4 rows.

Row 1: seed stitch front edging (sdst) k1 p1 k1 p1, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
91 sts

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: k1 p1 k1 p1, purl to last 4 stitches, k1 p1 k1 p1.

Row 3: sdst 4, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
83 sts.

Row 5: sdst 4, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
75 sts.

Row 7: sdst 4, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
67 sts.

Row 9: sdst 4, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
59

Row 11: sdst 4, k3 ssk (k9 ssk) 3 times, k15, (k2tog k9) 3 times, k2tog k3, sdst 4.
51 sts.

Continue sdst edging as established, work 5 rows straight. On 6th row (ws), work 19sts, place marker, work 13 sts, place marker, work 19 stitches as set to end.

Begin neck increases:

Row 7 (rs): work 19sts, inc1, slip marker, k13, slip marker, inc 1, work 19st.
Increase 2 stitches this way every 4 rows 3 times altogether, then every other row 5 times, then at 4th row one more time: 69 stitches.

Work 12 rows, keeping markers in place, ending with having finished with a wrong side row.

At next row, knit to last 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k13 sts, slip marker, ssk.

Decrease 2 stitches at markers in this manner every other row, two more times. Then decrease similarly every row, 5 times.

Place seed stitch border on a holder, bind off all stitches to first marker, knit across to second marker, and bind off all stitches to last 4 seed stitch, then put these 4 on a holder, leaving a couple of yards of yarn still attached. You'll be completing the border across the top of the hood with this yarn, and if you're clever, you will also have left enough to sew the last edges together with it.

Rejoin yarn to work center 13 stitches, and continue working for about 18 more rows, or until this piece is even in length to the bound off edge of the side hood panels. Bind off all sts.

Sew corresponding upper edges of side hood panels to sides of center panel. Now work seed stitch border using still-attached yarn for about 14 rows, or until the border is equal in length to the bound off edge of the center hood panel, and then graft these active stitches to the seed stitch border from the other side. Sew the seed stitch border edge to the bound off edge of the center hood panel.



Dino-Ridges

In contrasting colour, make 7 repeats of the Saw Tooth Stitch, and bind off all stitches, leaving length of yarn attached

for sewing. I used a whip stitch to sew the straight edge of the contrasting piece to the center of the hood, but you can use whatever sewing method you think is best.



Chin Strap

Leaving about 8" of yarn for sewing, CO 5 stitches, and work 13 rows in sdst: k1 p1 k1 p1 k1 every row.

Row 14 (buttonhole row): k1 p1, yo, p2tog k1.

Row 15: Work stitches in pattern.

Bind off one stitch at the beginning of next 4 rows, and draw yarn through final stitch. Sew cast on edge of chin strap about 1 1/2" from the bottom of the seed stitch border on your favorite side. Sew on appropriate button, weave in ends.

This pattern worked in other colors has served as a good foundation for all manner of dress-up creatures: in yellow with applied mane and little ears for a lion, in something sparkly for a knight's helmet, in pink and white for a unicorn's head: anything goes!

I hope your little person likes this as much as mine did.

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