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SIZE

0 - 3 months (3-6 months) 9-12 months (child) adult

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MATERIALS

Approx. 20 (25) 30 (40) 50 g Isager Bouclé col. 98

MEASUREMENTS

Head circumference 26 - 34 cm (34-40) 36-45 (40-50) 48-57 cm

Beanie height (from cast-on edge) 22 (26) 26 (30) 30 cm

GAUGE

in garter stitch

10 cm = 18 sts

10 cm = 36 rows (18 ridges)

RECOMMENDED NEEDLE SIZE

3,0 mm, preferably straight needles



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CONSTRUCTION

The beanie is worked sideways back and forth in garter stitch. Short row shaping is used to shape the beanie, and since it is knitted from side to side this allows for the beanie to keep the straight 'pointing' shape as for a traditional Christmas hat. When all rows are worked the beanie is sewn together at the sides. If desired, a pompom is mounted onto the top (or attached with a removable brooch pin). The fluffy and soft beanie can be used both as a bright red Elf's beanie or if knitted in a different Bouclé color as a warm winter beanie.

VARIATION

If a more dense and luxurious fabric is desired, one strand of Isager Bouclé and one strand of Isager Silk Mohair can be held together throughout the work. This yarn combination also allows for nuancing the colour. To maintain the pure Alpaca fabric one strand of Isager Alpaca 1 can be held together with the Bouclé. This offers a lanolin free knitted fabric that also protects sensitive skin.



BEANIE

Cast on 40 (48) 48 (54) 54 sts on a 3 mm needle using Long-Tail Cast-on to create a stretchy edge.

Rows 1 - 8: Knit all stitches on the needle (= 4 ridges)

Row 9: K 38 (46) 46 (52) 52 sts, turn

Row 10: YO, place a marker on the right needle and knit all stitches on the needle

Row 11: K 34 (42) 42 (48) 48 sts, turn

Row 12: As row 10

Row 13: K 28 (36) 36 (40) 40 sts, turn

Row 14: As row 10

Row 15: K 20 (24) 24 (26) 26 sts, turn

Row 16: As row 10

Place a small safety pin at the edge close the needle. The pin marks the first repeat has been worked. Since counting the worked rows is difficult in the loopy Bouclé fabric, the marker helps keeping track of the number of ridges worked. The loopy yarn itself produces the fine structure of the beanie and this effect makes the stitches almost invisible.

Repeat rows 1 - 16 another 6 (7) 8 (9) 10 times **WHILE at the same time working the first row as follows: knit all stitches until the first stitch marker, remove stitch marker, knit the YO stitch and the following stitch together. Continue like this until end of row.** Now, there are again 40 (48) 48 (54) 54 stitches on the needle.

Remember to place the safety pins to mark each repeat.

When all repeats have been worked, cast off, but not too tightly.

FINISHING

Using whip stitching the side seams are sewn together at the edges, but without pulling the yarn. The loopy structure of the Bouclé yarn will make the seam almost invisible. Using Running Stitch and a stitch length of approx.

one stitch length, the beanie is gathered at the top by basting with a blunt needle for a soft rounding of the top. Carefully pull the thread without breaking the yarn. Sew a couple of stitches across the top and weave in the loose end.

POMPOM

The finished size of the Pompom is 5.5 cm. Cut out two circles of cardboard with a diameter of 6.5 cm. Mark the center of the circle and cut a slit. Around the center mark cut out a smaller circle with a diameter of 1.5 cm. Placing the two cardboard circles on top of each other, start

wrapping the Bouclé yarn around the cardboard ring. With your fingers work your way around until the entire ring is full and the inner circle filled in. You may need to use a needle in the last wrappings. Using small, sharp scissors cut the yarn along the edge between the two circles. Cut a length of yarn, hold it double and wrap it tightly twice around the middle of the pompom and tie a double knot. Remove the cardboard circles and sew the pompom onto the top of the beanie. Or attach the pompom onto a brooch pin that can be removed after Christmas for an all-season the beanie.



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