

## Knitted Fish Scale Hat

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This hat is knitted with two colors, but only one at a time, alternating every other row. It's an easy textured pattern and is very neat on both the inside and outside without any fuss.



### Fish Scale Hat

#### Materials:

2 (100 gram) balls Plymouth Encore worsted weight, contrasting colors, will make at least 2 hats (my hat weighs 47 grams with the pom pom). 5 sts = 1" on US 8 needles. I used colors #678 Light Green Frost, and #555 Bristol Wedgwood

16" circular needles, size 8  
set of 8" double pointed needles, size 8  
yarn needle to weave in ends  
Small piece of yarn to use as a marker

To make the hat:

Cast on 80 sts (s/m) or 84 sts (m/l).

Join into a round.

K1, P1 all the way around, adding your marker at the end of the first round, for 4 rows (s/m) or 6 rows (m/l) to make the ribbed border in your chosen base color (I used the Light Green Frost).

The rest of the hat is knitted in a textured pattern called "Broken Seed Stitch". Work as follows, starting with your alternate color (I used the Bristol Wedgwood) for about 4", ending with an "R1" or "R3" alternate color row.

R1: (alternate color yarn): knit

R2: (base color yarn): k1, p1

R3: (alternate color yarn): knit

R4: (base color yarn): p1, k1

To Decrease, continuing with the broken seed stitch pattern, starting with base color "R2" or "R4" row:

\*work 8 (9) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 8, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 7 (8) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 7, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 6 (7) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 6, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 5 (6) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 5, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row, changing to your double pointed needles, evenly distributing your stitches.

\*work 4 (5) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 4, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 3 (4) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 3, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 2 (3) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 2, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work 1 (2) sts, K2tog, Ssk, work 1, repeat from \* all the way around.

Knit 1 row.

\*work (1) sts, K2tog, Ssk, repeat from \* all the way around.

Break yarn, leaving a long tail, and use your yarn needle to run through all remaining stitches. Tie off and weave in all of your loose ends.

I decided to top mine off with a small pom pom made with the base color.

Now you can have your very own Fishy hat!

Variation: You can choose to use your alternate color for the ribbing, just skip "R1" on your first "broken seed stitch" pattern set, starting with "R2" and your base color. For example: I'm making a hat now of dark green ribbing and dark green "scales" with a light green base color.