Mixed Berries Hat

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This hat is a companion to the Mixed Berries Scarf I designed for my daughter. For continuity, I used the same yarn and began the hat with the same double moss stitch pattern I used for the scarf. However, while I wanted the hat and scarf to look like they belonged together, I didn't want them to be identical, so for the hat I only used double moss stitch for 16 rounds and then switched to Stockinette stitch. Not only does it make for a more interesting hat in my opinion, it also shows off the beautifully variegated yarn in a completely different way than the double moss stitch does.

The hat is a quick and easy project and really good for highlighting variegated yarn. It also makes for a nice set with the Mixed Berries Scarf.

Yarn
1 hank Lorna's Laces Green Line Worsted (100% superwash merino wool; 210yds/4oz), in color 307 Tickled Pink. This yarn line has been discontinued (see Notes).

Needles & Notions
Size US 8 (5.0 mm), 16" circular and set of 4 dpns.
Darning needle to finish.

Gauge
4.75 sts and 6.75 rows = 1" in St st.

Finished Sizes
Child's Hat: to fit 19" head circumference.
Adult's Hat: to fit 21" head circumference.

Notes
Lorna's Laces Shepherd Worsted yarn would be a good substitute for the discontinued Green Line Worsted, and Shepherd Worsted is currently produced in the Tickled Pink colorway.

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INSTRUCTIONS

For a child-sized hat, CO 80 sts, or for an adult's hat, CO 88 sts. The rest of the instructions apply to all sizes unless otherwise noted. PM and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Beg double moss st patt and rep 4 times (16 rnds total).

Double Moss Stitch Pattern

Rnds 1 & 2: *k2, p2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 3 & 4: *p2, k2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 17: beg St st (k all sts) and k until hat is 2" less than desired overall length. Beg dec rnds, switching to dpns when necessary.

Decrease Rounds

Rnd 1: *k6, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (70 sts for child's hat; 77 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 2: *k5, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (60 sts for child's hat; 66 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 3: k.

Rnd 4: *k4, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (50 sts for child's hat; 55 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 5: k.

Rnd 6: *k3, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (40 sts for child's hat; 44 sts for adult's.)

Rnds 7 & 8: k.

Rnd 9: *k2, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (30 sts for child's hat; 33 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 10: k.

Rnd 11: *k1, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (20 sts for child's hat; 22 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 12: *k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (10 sts for child's hat; 11 sts for adult's.)

Rnd 13: For child's hat only: *k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. (5 sts.)

       For adult's hat only: *k2tog; rep from * to last st, end k1. (6 sts.)

FINISHING

Break yarn leaving a 6" tail. Thread yarn onto darning needle and pull through remaining 5 sts (child's hat) or 6 sts (adult's hat). Secure and weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin	k2tog	knit two sts together	rep	repeat
CO	cast on	mm	millimeter(s)	rnd(s)	round(s)
dec	decrease	oz	ounce(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
dpns	double-pointed needles	p	purl	St st	Stockinette stitch
k	knit	patt	pattern	yd(s)	yard(s)
		PM	place marker		