

Gander 50th Anniversary Beanie

You will need 60 grams of royal blue, 60 grams of yellow, 20 grams of white RedHeart yarn and one set of 5mm double pointed knitting needles. Stitch specifications for size medium and large are in parentheses.

Beanie:

Using the royal blue yarn, cast on 80 (88, 96) stitches. Join the round and work in rib stitch (K1, P1) until it measures 12cm. Mark start of round. Change to yellow yarn. Knit in stocking stitch for 13 (15,17) rounds.



Decrease for crown:

Row 1: K8(K9, K10), K2Together (8 times)

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K7(K8, K9), K2Together (8 times)

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: K6(K7, K8), K2Together (8 times)

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: K5(K6, K7), K2Together (8 times)

Row 8: Knit

Row 9: K4(K5, K6), K2Together (8 times)

Row 10: Knit

Row 11: K3(K4, K5), K2Together (8 times)

Row 12: Knit

Row 13: K2(K3, K4), K2Together (8 times)

Row 14: Knit

Row 15: K1(K2, K3), K2Together (8 times)

Row 16: Knit

Row 17: (K1, K2) K2Together (8 times)

Row 18: for size medium and large: Knit

Row 19: for size medium: K2Together (8 times); for size large: K1, K2Together (8 times)

Row 20: for size large: Knit

Row 21: for size large: K2Together (8 times)

Break yarn leaving a tail long enough to secure remaining stitches. Thread tail on darning. Slip stitches from needle onto darning. Pull up stitches and secure.

Tassels:

Using a crochet hook, chain 55 stitches. Break yarn and set chain aside.

To make a tassel, cut a rectangle of card as wide as the required length of the finished tassel. Wind yarn around the card until the required thickness is reached (about 12 times). Break the yarn, thread through a sewing needle and pass the needle under all the loops. Do not remove the needle. Tie the end of the yarn firmly around the loops, remove the card and cut through the loops at the opposite end to the knot. Wind the end of yarn around all the loops below the fold and fasten securely. Pass the needle through the top and use the end to sew in place. Trim ends neatly.

Sew tassel to one end of the chain. Make another tassel for the other end of the chain. Attach the chain to the top of the toque so the tassels dangle evenly.