

Pattern: Verdigris Matching Hat (free)

I finished the [Verdigris Mittens](#) back in the summer, and along the way, I got the notion that I wanted to do a hat in addition to the mittens for a set. But there was no way there was enough yarn to complete them, so I pondered a lot. Finally, I just bit the bullet, found some yarn and made a hat:



The edging is in a lovely Merino Tencel superwash in a fingering weight from Tactile Fibers, and the rest of the hat is Inca Gold from Berrocco, which is merino and silk. Both yarns have the merino but also the shine. The stitch count is changed from the edging to the body of the hat to accommodate the change in gauge. I didn't even swatch this, and I'm pretty darned happy with the result.



I think it makes a lovely set, and it only took one skein of Berroco Inca Gold to complete the set in a sophisticated way!

Pattern here:

Verdigris-Matching Hat

This pattern uses the stitch pattern from the lovely [Verdigris](#) fingerless mitten pattern by Rosemary Hill, published in the Summer 2009 issue of Knitty. The stitch pattern, which apparently comes from a Japanese stitch dictionary, is quite lovely.

After I knit my own mittens for a gift, I still had yarn leftover, and decided to knit a coordinating hat to go with the mittens. I used a merino-tencel fingering weight for the mittens, and found a lovely merino-silk worsted weight (Berroco's Inca Gold) that also has a shine to match the merino-tencel yarn.

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I used about 150 yards of the fingering weight leftovers, and one skein of Inca Gold to make the hat. You'll need to download the directions for the Verdigris pattern from Knitty, as I am only referencing them for this free pattern.

Materials

150 yards of fingering weight yarn

130 yards of worsted weight yarn

Size 2 needles (either 5 8-inch double points, or 16 or 24-inch circular needle)

Size 5 needles (either 5 8-inch double points, or 16 or 24-inch circular needle)

Stitch marker

Darning needle

Directions

Cast on 81 stitches with the smaller needles using the waste-yarn crochet cast-on in the Verdigris pattern on Knitty. With project fingering weight yarn, continue the tubular cast-on in the pattern, resulting in 162 stitches in the round.

Brim

Follow the first 8 rows of the ribbing pattern, then knit the first 16 rows of the Pattern Chart in the Verdigris pattern.



Switch to worsted weight yarn – (in this case, Inca Gold in a coordinating color), and to the larger needles.

Round 1: * k1, k2tog * repeat between * * for entire round. 108 stitches.

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Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: * Knit 9, M1 * repeat between * * for entire round. 120 stitches.

Continue to knit every round until the hat measures 7 inches from edge.

Crown

Round 1: * k2togtbl, k9 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Rounds 2 and 3: Knit.

Round 4: * k2togtbl, k8 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Rounds 5 and 6: Knit.

Round 7: * k2togtbl, k7 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: * k2togtbl, k6 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: * k2togtbl, k5 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 12: Knit.

Round 13: * k2togtbl, k4 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 14: Knit.

Round 15: * k2togtbl, k3 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 16: * k2togtbl, k2 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 17: * k2togtbl, k1 *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 18: * k2togtbl *, repeat between * * for the entire round.

Round 19: Repeat Round 18.

Cut yarn, leaving 6-8 inch tail. Weave in ends.

Soak in tepid water for 20 minutes, block over a small bowl or balloon.

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