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SIZE

One size.

MATERIALS

- 7 50g balls of Lana Gatto **SUPERSOFT** shade #13736 Merlot.
- One pair size US 10 [6mm] needles or size to obtain gauge.
- 3 buttons 1in/3cm in diameter.
- Tapestry needle with rounded point.
- 2 stitch-holders.

STITCHES

USING KNITTING NEEDLES:

Tubular stitch [work on even number of sts]

Row 1: k2, * wyif, sl 1 st purlwise, wyib, k1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: wyif, sl 1 st purlwise, * k1, wyif, sl 1 st purlwise, wyib, rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep these 2 rows.

Garner stitch

All rows K.

1x1 Rib [worked on even number of sts]

Row 1: * K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: K the knit sts and P the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 throughout for K1, P1 rib.

Bush Stitch [work over multiple of 4 sts plus 1 st]

Rows 1 and 3 [RS]: Knit.

Row 2: K1, * P3 tog, yo [wrapping yarn completely around needle], P same 3 sts tog again, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 4: K1, P1, K1, * P3 tog, yo, P same 3 sts tog again, K1; rep from * to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Rep rows 1-4 throughout.

USING TAPESTRY NEEDLE:

Darning stitch

GAUGE

16 sts and 20 rows to 4in/10cm over Bush stitch, with 2 strands held tog, using size US 10 [6mm] needles.

NOTE!

Work with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin[ning]	p	purl
cm	centimeters	rem	remain[ing]
cont	continue[ing]	rep	repeat
dec	decrease[ing]	RS	right side[s]
g	grams	st[s]	stitch[es]
in	inch[es]	tog	together
inc	increase[ing]	WS	wrong side[s]
k	knit	wyib	with yarn in back
mm	milimeters	wyif	with yarn in front
M1	make one	yo	yarn over

HAT

With size US 10 [6mm] needles and 2 strands of yarn held tog throughout, cast on 125 sts.

Work 6 rows in Garter st, then cont in Garter st over first and last 8 sts and in Bush st over center 109 sts, dec 1 st at each side of center 5 sts every 4 rows 4 times.

For dec 1 st, K2 tog on RS of work [101 sts in Bush st rem].

At the same time, make a buttonhole in 7th row working first 8 sts in Garter st as follows: K4, yo, K2 tog, K2.

Work other 2 buttonholes as previous and above it on 21st and 35th rows.

When piece measures 7in/18cm from beg, bind off first 8 sts at beg of 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of next 6 rows and 3 sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cont in Bush st over rem 65 sts, inc 1 st at each side of center 5 sts every 4 rows 4 times [there are 73 sts].

For inc, M1 st as follows: with tip of needle, lift strand between last st knit and next st on left-hand needle and knit into back of it to increase one st.

When piece measures 18in/45cm from beg, dec 1 st at each side of center 5 sts every 4 rows 4 times [65 sts rem].

When piece measures 20in/51cm from beg, dec 1 st at center, put first 30 sts onto a stitch holder and last 30 sts onto another stitch holder. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Fold piece in half widthwise and, with tapestry needle, graft hat at top, sewing in Darning st each of first 30 sts on a stitch holder to correspond with each of last 30 sts.

With size US 10 [6mm] needles and RS of work facing, pick up and K140 sts all along front opening. Work 1 row in 1x1 Rib and 4 rows in Tubular st. Bind off all sts with tapestry needle in Darning st. Sew 3 buttons to correspond buttonholes 