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The Big Knit Snail Hat by [shaz peacock](#)

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SNAIL HAT

You will need:

Size 4mm needles; large tapestry needle; equal amounts of main colour DK wool for the body, and contrast colour for the shell and mouth; a scrap each of black and white wool for the eyes (or stick on googly eyes).

Body

Using a light colour, cast on 40sts

Knit 2 rows

Starting with a p row, stocking stitch 3 rows dec 1st at each end 34sts

Cast off 5sts at the beg of the next 4 rows 14sts

Head

On these 14sts: stocking stitch 10 rows

Next row: k2tog twice, k6, k2tog twice 10sts

Next row: p

Eyes

On the first 5sts * make an i-cord 6 rows long

Next row: keeping the i-cord going: k1, k1fb 3 times, k1 8sts

Next row: knit

Next row: k2tog to end

Fasten off.

For the other eye, work on the next 5sts from *

Whilst inside out, sew half way down the back of the head. Turn right side out.

Shell

Using a darker contrast colour and with right side facing, pick-up and knit 26sts (starting and ending approx 2.5cm/1 inch away from the end of the cast on edge on the body, which will form the tail)

Knit 3 rows

** k to the last 4sts; turn;
p to the last 4sts: turn;
k to the end;
p across whole row
Rep from ** twice more
Next row: k2tog to end
Next row: p2tog to end
Fasten off and sew along seem.

Tail

Using a scrap of the lighter colour, sew along the top of the tail. Turn right side out.

Stick on googly eyes, or using white, sew 3 long stitches for each eye and with black, make knots for the centre of each eye and sew on a smile using the same colour as you have used for the shell, as shown.

To finish, sew in any loose threads to keep tidy.

N.B.

k1fb = knit into the front and back of the next stitch