

Fantasy Kingdom XXI Cover Hat



sizes: small (medium, large) 18" (20", 22")

Gauge 22 stitches to 4"

abbreviations:

k=knit p=purl k2tog= knit 2 together

Supplies needed:

4 colors of dk or light worsted yarn.

Model hat knit with Lion Brand Wool-Ease in color 1: dark rose heather color 2: avocado color 3: peacock (possibly discontinued, blue heather is close) color 4: fisherman (Note: The model hat is knit at a very tight gauge for the yarn. If you want to knit at a gauge closer to that recommended for the yarn a dk weight yarn will work well.)

size 5 double pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge

optional (for starting method 1)

smooth waste yarn

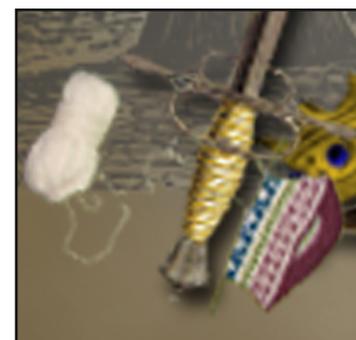
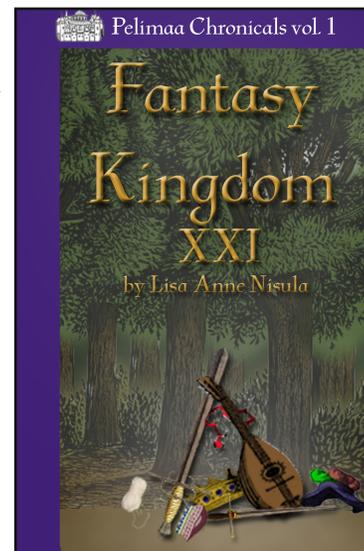
spare circular needle either size 5 or slightly smaller (will be used to hold stitches)

This is the hat that is partially knitted on the cover of Fantasy Kingdom XXI. As I was knitting it, I was thinking about what would look right for the cover, not about making a pattern for other people to read, so I used whatever yarn I had on hand that was the right color. That ended up being Wool-Ease knitted tightly to get a gauge that would make the patterns the size that looked right to me. You could make this pattern more like sprite knitting by using a self-striping or self-patterning yarn in place of the first three colors (examples would be Bernat Baby Jacquards or Satin Sport Ombres, or Wool-Ease colorways like wood print or autumn print)

I've given you three ways to start the hat. The first is how I did it, since I like to have as little to finish after I knit as possible. I gave two alternatives if you're more comfortable with either of them.

For more information and an excerpt from the book that inspired this pattern, go to www.LisaAnneNisula.com

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Starting the hat:

Method 1 (knitted hem folded and finished as part of the knitting, how I made the original)

Using a provisional cast-on and color 1, cast-on 100 (110, 120) stitches. Join and work in stockinet stitch for 10 rounds. Purl 1 round. Knit 2 rounds in color 4. Begin chart, repeating it 10 (11, 12) times around. Stop at the end of row 7. Weave in any loose ends (you won't be able to get to them after this step). Undo the provisional cast on and place live stitches on the spare needle(s). fold the hem up and line up the cast on stitches with the stitches on the working needle. To work round 8 (solid round of color 1) Knit 1 stitch of round 8 from the front needle together with the corresponding cast on stitch. At the end of the round, the hem will be secure. Continue to follow the chart as normal.

Method 2 (knitted hem needing finishing later, should look like the model hat)

Cast on 100 (110, 120) stitches with color 1, leaving a long tail for sewing up later. Join and work stockinet stitch for 10 rounds. Purl 1 round. Knit 2 rounds color 4. Begin chart, repeating it 10 (11, 12) times around.

Method 3 (no hem, ribbed edge, will look a little different from the model. If you use this method, you may want to skip one row of color 4 between each pattern band to make up for the extra height the ribbing will give you.)

Cast on 100 (110,120) stitches with color 1. Join and work k1p1 ribbing for 1". Change to color 4 and work in stockinet stitch for 2 rounds. Begin chart, repeating 10 (11,12) times

All methods continue here:

When chart is finished, there will remain 60 (66, 72) stitches.

Finish decreasing for top of hat, use color 3 throughout.

Round 1: k2, (k2tog,k1) to last stitch, k1. 41,(45, 49) stitches remain.

Rounds 2,3: Knit.

Round 4: k2tog around, k1. 21,(23,25) stitches remain.

Round 5: knit.

Round 6: k2tog around. k1. 11,(12,13) stitches remain.

Break yarn and thread the tail through the live stitches. Pull to close the top of the hat and secure. Weave in remaining ends.

If using method 2 to start the hat, fold the hem along the purl ridge and sew in place.

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