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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner (Level 1)

SIZE:

Finished Circumference (at ribbing) 20 in. (51 cm), will stretch to fit a range of sizes

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 9, 2014. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

MATERIALS

- 136-149 [Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Great Smoky Mountains](#)
1 Ball (A)
- 136-098 [Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Acadia](#)
1 Ball (B)
- [Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 7](#)
- [Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 8](#)
- [Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers](#)
- [Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)

**Heartland (Article #136). 100% Acrylic; package size: 5.00oz/142.00 gr. (251yds/230m) pull skeins*



GAUGE:

16 sts + 21 rnds = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st worked in rnds (k every rnd) with larger needles.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

[Making a Gauge Swatch](#)

STITCH EXPLANATION:

kfb (knit in front and back) Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

sk2p Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over – 2 sts decreased.

PATTERN STITCH

K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds (multiple of 4 sts)

Rnd 1: *K2, p2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 for K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds.

NOTES:

1. Tam is worked in the round on 2 different sizes of double pointed needles.
2. Lower edge of Tam is worked in ribbing, on smaller needles, to create a stretchy fit.
3. Body of Tam is worked in St st worked in rnds (k every rnd), with larger needles and a stranded color work pattern.
4. The color work pattern uses 2 colors per rnd. When working stranded color work, carry unused color across the WS of the piece.
5. The color work for the body of the Tam is worked by following Chart 1. Read all rnds of chart from right to left.
6. The crown (top) of the Tam is shaped with decreases. Follow Chart 2 for the decreases and color work on the crown.
7. Tam is wet blocked over a dinner plate to create a traditional shape.

TAM

With smaller needles and A, cast on 80 sts. Divide sts onto 4 needles, with 20 sts on each needle. Place marker for beg of rnd and join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Work in K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds for about 1 1/2 in. (4 cm).

Change to larger needles as you work the next rnd. (To change to larger needles, simply knit the sts off one needle at a time, using the larger needles.)

Increase Rnd: With A, *k1, kfb; rep from * around – 120 sts.

Change to St st worked in rnds (k every rnd).

Begin Chart 1

Note: Chart 1 shows a 4-st rep, this means that you should work the 4 sts 30 times on each rnd.

Beg with Rnd 1, work the 4-st rep of Chart 1 around.

Continue as established in St st worked in rnds and changing color following Chart 1 until Rnd 20 of chart has been completed.

Shape Crown (top of Tam)

Begin Chart 2

Notes:

1. Chart 2 shows a 20 st rep, this means that you should work the 20 sts 6 times on each rnd.
2. Chart 2 shows both the color changes and the decreases needed to shape the crown (top) of the Tam. The white areas of the chart represent the decreased (missing) sts.

Beg with Rnd 1, work 20-st rep of Chart 2 around.

Continue to follow Chart 2, changing color and working decs as shown until Rnd 18 of Chart 2 has been completed – 12 sts rem.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot securely.

FINISHING

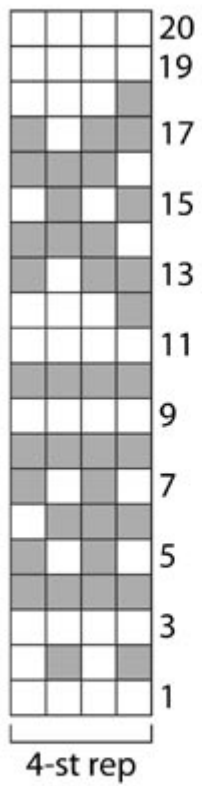
Weave in ends.

Blocking

Stretch Tam over a dinner plate, then spray lightly with water to block.

Allow to dry.

CHART 1

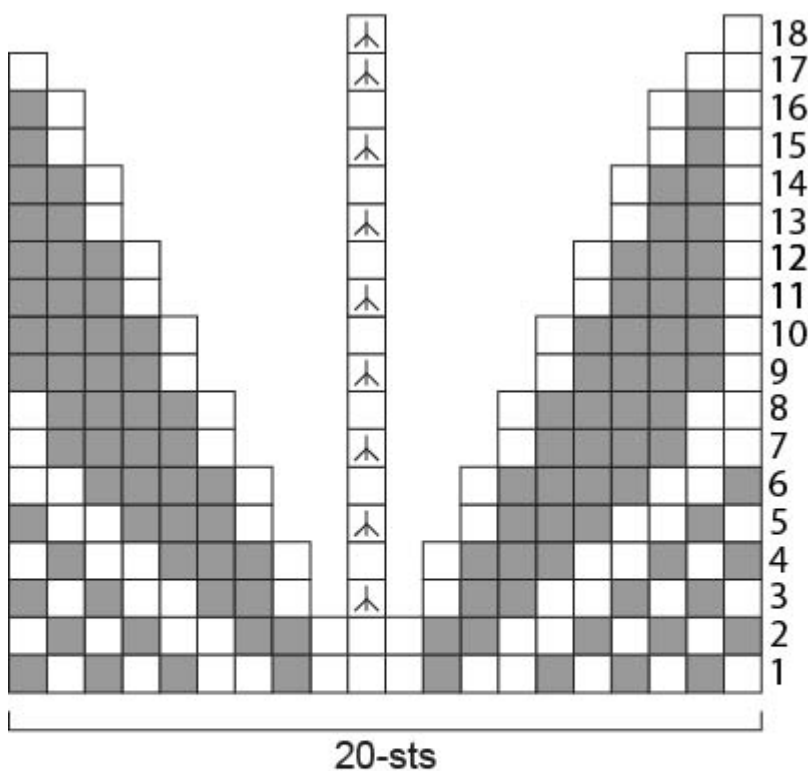


Key

■ #149 Great Smoky Mountains (A)

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CHART 2



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- #149 Great Smoky Mountains (A)
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- ⋈ sk2p: Slip 1 as if to knit,
knit 2 tog, pass slipped st
over - 2 sts decreased

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>k = knit</u>
<u>p = purl</u>	<u>rem = remain(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>	<u>rnd(s) = round(s)</u>
<u>St st = Stockinette stitch</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>

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