



## 1940s knitting patterns

### Knitted turban (Moss Stitch)

#### Materials

3 ounces of Patons Beehive Fingering, 2-ply (used double throughout); a pair of knitting pins, No. 10.

#### Tension and measurements

Worked at a tension of 7 sts. to the inch in width, the turban will fit a head measurement of 23 inches, but this is easily adjusted to smaller heads by working fewer increase rows and gusset rows, on the cap and also on the twisted band. The cap portion should therefore be fitted before working the straight ends.

#### Abbreviations

K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; inc., increase (by working into the front and back of the same st.); m.s., moss-stitch (k. 1 and p. 1 alternately, and on subsequent rows the sts. are reversed). Directions in brackets are worked the number of times stated after the brackets.

#### To work the first half

Cast on 22 sts. for the centre of the back head part.

**1st row:** (K.1, p.1) 11 times.

**2nd row:** P. 1, (k. 1, p. 1) 10 times, inc.

**3rd row:** Cast on 2 sts., m.s. to end.

**4th row:** M.s. until 1 st. remains, inc.

Repeat the 3rd and 4th rows twice more, then the 3rd row again. (34 sts.) Work 11 rows in m.s., increasing 1 st. at the shaped end on every row. (45 sts.) Now inc, 1 st. at the end (shaped end) of the next 6 alternate rows. (51 sts.) Work 1 row more. \* M.s. 24, turn, m.s. 24; m.s., 27, turn, m.s. 27; m.s. 30, turn, m.s. 30; m.s. 33, turn, m.s. 33 m.s. 36, turn, m.s. 36; m.s. 39, turn, m.s. 39; m.s. 41, turn, m.s. 41; m.s. 43, turn, m.s. 43; m.s. 45, turn, m.s. 45; M.S. 47, turn, m.s.

47; m.s. 49, turn, m.s. 49.\*\* Work 2 rows in m.s. on the 51 sts., then work from \*\* backwards to \*. Work 1 row more. \*\*\*Work 2 sts. tog. at the beginning (shaped edge) of the next row and following 2 alternate rows. Work 3 rows straight. Repeat the last 8 rows from \*\*\* 5 times more and the first 3 rows again, when 31 sts. will remain. Work 106 rows straight in m.s., then cast off. Work a second half exactly the same. These two halves are then ready to be joined together.

## **To make up the turban**

Sew the cast-on edges and the shaped edges together in one line for the centre head seam, then fasten off, leaving the long straight parts free. This makes the cap part of the turban. Join the cast-off ends of the tie part, so that you now have a loop at the other end of the cap. Press the turban with a hot iron over a damp cloth.

## **To wear the turban**

Place the cap part on your head so that the loop end is over the fore-head and the cap fits snugly at the back. Then twist the loop close to the head, and, holding the knot thus made firmly in place, fold the loop back over the head so that it makes a turban effect around the edge of the cap and fits the head comfortably.