



1940s knitting patterns

Knitted turban (Stocking Stitch)

Materials

2 ounces of Paton Beehive Fingering, 3-ply; 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 22 inches, but from these directions a cap of any size can be made, by repeating the sections accordingly. These form the skull-cap, and the bandeau is worked separately and sewn on.

Abbreviations

K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; s.s., stocking-stitch (k. on right side and p. back).

To work the cap

Begin at the centre-front and cast on 40 sts., which determines the depth of the cap. K. 1 row into the back of the sts. * K. 18, turn and k. back; k. 20, turn and k. back; k. 22, turn and k. back. K. 18 rows more in this way, working 2 sts. more on every alternate row, when all 40 sts. will have been worked. Repeat from * 9 times more, then cast off.

The Bandeau

This is worked in bands in s.s., the first 12 rows having the purl side facing, and the next 8 rows the right side facing. Cast on 240 sts. and k. 1 row into the backs of the sts. Work 12 rows in s.s., beginning with a p. row. Work 8 rows, beginning with a k. row and ending with a p. row. Work 8 rows, beginning with a p. row. Repeat the last 16 rows once more, then 4 rows more on the last band. Cast off loosely. Note that the 3 rolls with the p. side facing form the right side of the bandeau.

To make up the turban

With the same wool sew the cast-on edge to the cast-off edge of the cap, beginning at the face edge, then run through the sts. at the centre, and draw up. Place the cap on the head with the seam at centre-front, and pin the centre of the bandeau to the centre-back of cap. Bring an

end around each side and twist once at the front; carry the ends back and sew them under the band about level with the ears. Take care to keep the 3 p. rolls uppermost. Stitch the lowest roll loosely to the cap edge, leaving about 2 inches unattached under the front twist. At the back loosely stitch the second k. band to the cap.