



# *Sweet Paprika Designs*



*First Winter*



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**EASY**

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## Size

Newborn

## Finished Measurements

Hat: 13" circumference and 5½" long

Mittens: 4½" circumference and 3½" long

## Yarn

DK weight yarn:

90 yds in main colour (MC) and 15 yds in contrast colour (CC)

Shown in Sweet Paprika Minuet (100% superwash merino wool; 100g/220 yds), 1 skein each Natural (MC) and Steel Rail Blues (CC).

## Needles

Size 5 (3.75mm) set of double-pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.

## Notions

Stitch markers (8)

Yarn needle

## Gauge

25 sts and 32 rnds = 4" in St st worked in the rnd, after blocking.

**K1, p1 rib** (multiple of 2 sts)

All rnds: \* K1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Slip-Stitch Band** (multiple of 2 sts)

Rnd 1: With CC, \* k1, sl1 wyif; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rnds 2-3: With MC, knit.

Rnd 4: With CC, \* sl1 wyif, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rnds 5-6: With MC, knit.

Rnd 7: With CC, \* k1, sl1 wyif; rep from \* to end of rnd.

## Hat

With MC, cast on 80 sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 8 rnds.

Knit 2 rnds.

Work Rnds 1-7 of Slip-Stitch Band.

With MC, knit 9 rnds.

## Shape Top

**Set-up Rnd:** \* K10, pm; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 1:** \* Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd – 8 sts dec.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

Rep Rnds 1-2 eight more times – 8 sts rem.

Break yarn leaving a long tail. Thread tail on yarn needle and draw through rem sts. Pull tightly to close top and fasten securely.

## Mittens

With MC, cast on 28 sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 8 rnds.

Knit 2 rnds.

Work Rnds 1-7 of Slip-Stitch Band.

With MC, knit 6 rnds.

## Shape Top

**Set-up Rnd:** \* K14, pm; rep from \* once.

**Dec Rnd:** \* K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1; rep from \* once – 4 sts dec.

Rep Dec Rnd three more times – 12 sts rem.

Divide sts onto two needles and graft using Kitchener stitch.

## Finishing

Weave in ends and block hat and mittens.

## Abbreviations

CC contrast colour

dec decrease(d) or decreasing

dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)

k knit

k2tog knit 2 stitches together

MC main colour

p purl

pm place marker

rem remain(ing)

rep repeat

rnd(s) round(s)

sl slip

ssk slip 2 sts one at a time knitwise, slip these 2 sts back to the left-hand needle and knit the 2 slipped sts together through the back loop

st(s) stitch(es)

St st Stockinette stitch

wyif with yarn in front

## Special Technique

### Kitchener Stitch

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread tail onto yarn needle.

Holding both dpns in the left hand with one behind the other,

graft the sts together as follows: Insert the yarn needle through

the first st on the front dpn as if to purl, then through the first st

on the back dpn as if to knit.

\* Insert the yarn needle through the first front st as if to knit and

slide it off the dpn, then through the second front st as if to purl

and leave it on. Insert the yarn needle through the first back st as

if to purl and slide it off, then through the second back st as if to

knit and leave it on. Rep from \* until all sts have been grafted.