

NZMS LIQUORICE ALLSORTS BEANIE

Materials:

8 ply wool

50 g for Main colour

25 g black

25 g white

Small quantities of other colours for liquorice allsorts i.e. pink, yellow, lime green, orange

Sense of humour

BEANIE (“the easy part!”)

Using 4.00 (size 8) needles and **MAIN** cast on 109 stitches. In **stocking stitch**:

Work 12 rows **M**

Work 2 rows **Black**

Work 2 rows **White**

Work 2 rows **Black**

Work 6 rows **M**

Work 2 rows **Black**

Work 2 rows **White**

Work 2 rows **Black**

Work 10 rows **M**, decrease 3 stitches evenly across the last row (106 stitches) [40 rows in total]

Shape Crown

Using **M** and working in stocking stitch:

1st row K1 *K2tog, K5, rep from * to end... (91 sts)

2nd and follow alt rows – Purl.

3rd row K1 *K2tog, K4, rep from * to end... (76 sts)

5th row K1 *K2tog, K3, rep from * to end... (61 sts)

7th row K1 *K2tog, K2, rep from * to end... (46 sts)

9th row K1 *K2tog, K1, rep from * to end... (31 sts)

11th row K1 *K2tog, rep from * to end... (16 sts)

13th row K2tog 8 times... (8 sts)

14th row Purl

Break off yarn. Run end through rem sts, draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

Sew up seam.

ROUND ALLSORT (“dead easy”)

Worked in **Garter stitch** on size 10 (3.25mm) needles

Outer:

Cast on 7 stitches in coloured wool

Knit 22 rows.

Cast off.

Join seam wrong side facing. Turn inside out (wrong side out)

Inner:

Cast on 8 stitches in black

Knit 10 rows in garter stitch

Cast off.

Roll up sideways and catch the tube together with a few stitches.

Make up:

Inset the black inner into the outer tube and secure with a few stitches

Thread a strand of black yarn through the middle.

SQUARE ALLSORT (knitted as one piece – “diabolically fiddly”)

Worked in **Garter stitch** on size 10 (3.25mm) needles

Cast on 18 sts in **MAIN**. Now join the black wool.

Knit 2 rows in Black

Knit 2 rows White

knit 2 rows in Black

Knit 1 row in Main

Knit 4 st & K2tog (turn)

Knit 5

(repeat last 2 rows until you have 13 stitches left (finishing with a K2tog)

With wrong side facing work the 3rd side of the top:

- Slip the ‘K2tog stitch’ you’ve just worked back on to the left needle. Knit it and the stitch beside it together, pass a stitch from the right needle over.
- Repeat until there are no more stitches on the right-hand needle.

With right side facing work the 4th sides of the top:

- Now with the right side facing pick up 4 stitches on the remaining edge.
- Slip the last stitch you worked on to the left needle. Knit it and the first of the picked up stitches together, pass a stitch from the right needle over.
- Slip the worked stitch back on to the left needle, Knit it and the next picked up st tog.
- Repeat until you have 1 stitch remaining. Cast off. Leave a tail of about 1 metre of wool

- Sew up the side seam with the tail of wool. Tidy off any other ends.

With right side facing work the 1st & 2nd sides of the bottom:

- Pick up 6 stitches to the left of the knot

Row 1: K4, K2tog (turn)

Row 2: K 5 (turn)

Row 3: K4, K2 tog (picking up extra stitch to do so)

Repeat rows 2 & 3 twice

Row 8: K5

Row 9: as for row 3 but don't turn.

With right side facing work the 3rd side of the bottom:

- Pick up 4 stitches on the left-hand needle to form the third side.
- Slip the last worked stitch on to the left-hand needle. Knit it and the first of the picked up stitches together, pass a stitch from the right needle over.
- Repeat till you have 1 stitch remaining. Cast off.

Insert a cube or layers of square foam to give the allsort shape. Also thread a strand of black yarn thorough the centre of the lolly and secure.

Sew up last seam.

Variation for black and white Liquorice Allsorts

As above but:

Cast on in Black

Knit 2 rows White

knit 2 rows in Black

Knit 2 rows White

Knit 1 row in black and continue shaping the top and bottom in black.

ALTERNATIVE WAY TO KNIT THE SQUARE ALLSORTS (“looks much easier but not tested!!!”):

- Using 3.25 needles, cast on 5 sts.
- Work 6 rows garter stitch.
- Cast off.
- Make 2 black, 1 white & 2 colour squares
- Stack on top of each other in the order: colour, black, white, black, colour.
- Stitch through the layers to form a cube. Thread a stand of black wool though the centre and secure.

ADDING ALLSORTS TO THE HAT (“bringing it all together”)

Group 3 square and 2 round liquorice allsorts together and tie a knot in the strands to secure them in a bunch.

Thread the five ends through the top of the hat (then sew the threads through a square of tight woven fabric so they don't pull out of the top).

Knot the strands together under the fabric to secure the allsorts in place and cut off the loose ends.

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“Have allsorts-a-fun!”