

# crafty fox

intermediate pattern by Sincerely Louise

**You will need:** a pair of 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) straight knitting needles, a pair of 4mm straight needles, 1 ball M (main) copper yarn from cygnet yarns: pure wool superwash DK 50g - 104m - 100% pure new wool and 1 ball C (contrast) cream yarn from cygnet yarns: pure wool superwash DK 50g - 104m - 100% pure new wool

You're a crafty one, aren't you? Make your way over to a comfy chair and put your feet up. Now get those needles up and make magic happen.

**tension:** 19sts and 26 rows to 10cm over St st on 4mm

## pattern for the hat

Using 3.5mm needles cast on 32 stitches in M. Throughout the pattern I'd recommend using the long tail cast on method as this creates the first row of knitting for you. You can use the two needle cast on method and knit the first row.

Row 2 \*K2, P2\* all stitches

Rows 3 - 10 Repeat Row 2

Row 11 Change to 4mm needles and K this row.

Row 12 P

Rows 13 - 20 Work in St st.

Row 21 \*K2, K2tog\* all stitches (24 sts)

Row 22 P

Row 23 \*K1, K2tog\* all stitches (16 sts)

Row 24 P

Row 25 \*K2tog\* all stitches (8 sts)

Row 26 P

Row 27 \*K2tog\* all stitches (4 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail for sewing up. Thread the yarn through the remaining 4 stitches and pull tightly. Then sewn from the top of the hat to the cast on edge using a mattress stitch in M. Weave in the loose ends.



**Abbreviations** K - Knit K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together K3tog - Knit 3 stitches together SKP - Slip a stitch, knit a stitch, pass the slipped stitch over. P - Purl St st - Stocking Stitch: Knit a row, purl a row



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for the front ear panels (make 2)

Cast on 7 stitches in M

Row 2 P

Row 3 K2M, K1C, K2M

Row 4 P2M, P1C, P2M

Row 5 K2M, K1C, K2M

Row 6 P2M, P1C, P2M

Row 7 K1M, SKP in M, K1C, K2tog in M, K1M (5 sts)

Row 8 P, working all stitches in M from here on.

Row 9 K1, K3tog, K1 (3 sts)

Row 10 P

Row 11 Cast off

for the back ear panels (make 2)

Cast on 7 stitches in M.

Row 2 P

Rows 3 - 6 work in st st

Row 7 K1, SKP, K1, K2tog, K1 (5 sts)

Row 8 P

Row 9 K1, K3tog, K1 (3 sts)

Row 10 P

Row 11 Cast Off

now to put it all together

Place a front and back ear panel together with the wrong sides facing in and sew up using a mattress stitch in M, leave the cast on edges open. Repeat for the second ear.

Place the hat flat down and, with the rib folded down, measure 6cm from the base of the hat. Place the ear here. Leave a gap of 1.5cm in the centre of the top of the hat, and place the second ear on the other side, 6cm from the base.

Sew into place using M and weave in the loose ends.

Finally, fold up the brim and admire your crafty fox.

What a handsome chap.