



Babcia's Corner

Oh my Babcia! What a thrifty grandmother she was! She had a corner of her house where little scraps of things turned magically in to just what you needed! Having grown up in a time where everything was in short supply except, as she always said, "hunger and drafts"—those were two things there was always more than you wanted!

Babcia had a way of not only making leftovers brilliant, but that woman could take the worst of hair days, shake the wrinkles off a kerchief or remnant of material and tie her hair up in a way that made me wonder why I didn't always see her as a spirited, lovely woman...instead of simply my grandmother.

I inherited her wiry, curly hair. But those kerchiefs give me a headache! It's that blasted knot at the back of my head and neck that does it. So I started thinking like Babcia...and improvising using the remaining pieces of yarn from Sitka, Totem Pole Park, and Japonski Island hats, I devised way to honor her resourceful nature and create a kerchief I could stylishly wear. You can use whatever leftovers you have on hand. This kerchief doesn't take much. But it uses perfectly good remaining yardage and makes my neck feel good and my hair look tidy while wearing it, even if I wear it off of center, which I do actually prefer! An added bonus: these make awesome gifts for friends! And work up fast!

Babcia would be proud of us both!

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Yarn: Jones Street Worsted by Copper Corgi shown in Natural (80yds/73m) and Fig (65 yds/59.5m) OR Space Cadet Yarn Lyra (130 yds) OR scraps of British wool in ecru and tan worsted weight (80yds/73m) and (65 yds/59.5m)

Gauge: 18 sts x 44 rows in garter over 4in. (10cm)

Fiber Content: Copper Corgi Yarn 60% Superwash merino, 30% Alpaca, 10% silk 4 oz./113g approx. 210yds/192m Colorway SpaceCadet Yarn Superwash merino wool

Needles: US7 (4.5mm) 16in(40.6cm) circular needles

Experience Level: Eager beginner ready to knit in the round, work decreases and easy colour changes.

Finished Measurements: CO edge to BO point 10in(25.5cm) Circumference at brim unstretched 17in(43cm)

Other Supplies: stitch marker, tapestry needle

Note: Continue to work with a color until other color is specified.

Brim:

With C1 CO75, pm, join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Ribbing: *k3, p2* repeat between ** around for 21 rnds

Kerchief:

Set-up row (RS): k2, skp, k33, pm, sl1, with C2 k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2, remove m for beginning of round, turn work (73 sts)

Note: The rest of the pattern will now be worked flat.

Pattern A Rows:

Next Row (WS): k to 1 st before m, with both C1 and C2 p1, sm, C1 k to end

Next Row (RS): k2, skp, k to m, sl1, C2 k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Work these 2 rows a total of 3 times then work WS row 1 more time. (67 sts)

Transition Row 1 (RS): C1 k2, skp, k to m, sl1, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Pattern B Rows:

Next Row (WS): k to 1 st before m, with C1 and C2 held together p1, sm, C2 k to end

Next Row (RS): k2, skp, k to m, sl1, C1 k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Work WS row 1 more time. (63 sts)



Transition Row 2 (RS): C2 k2, skp, k to m, sl1, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Work Pattern A Rows 6 times and WS row 1 more time.
(49 sts)

Work Transition Row 1.

Work Pattern B Rows 1 time and WS row 1 more time.
(45 sts)

Work Transition Row 2.

Dec. every row as follows:

Next Row (WS): k2, skp, k to 1 st before m, with both strands held together p1, sm, C1 k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Next Row (RS): k2, skp, k to m, sl1, C2 k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 (dec 2 sts)

Work last 2 rows until 9 sts remain, ending with a WS row.

Next Row (RS): C1 k2, skp, remove marker, sl1, C2 k2tog, k2 (7 sts)

Next Row (WS): k1, skp, with both strands held together p1, C1 k2tog (5 sts)

Next Row (RS): skp, sl1, C2 k2tog (3 sts)

Break yarn leaving 8 in.(20cm) tail for each. Pull each strand through remaining 3 sts tightly.

Weave in any loose ends.

Lightly block, or wear without blocking.

To create a solid version as shown, work in same manner with only one strand of yarn.





