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**Level of difficulty:**  
Experienced

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## GUEST DESIGNER Hat of the Month January 2011

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Size: Medium

I like silk-wool for this one. Who am I kidding? I like silk-wool for everything. Plant fibers are very nice for this – I like a single ply, but have done it in just about everything. Gauge is not super-crucial, but depending on needle-size and fiber-weight, add 10 sts and an extra repeat per row.

Co 80 onto a circ 8 or 9, pm, join, careful not to twist.

1: Purl

2: \*K3, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k3, yo, k1, yo, rep from \*

3: Knit

4-9: Rep rows 2 and 3 three more times

10: \*K3, yo, K1, yo, K3, sl1, k2tog, pssso, rep from \*

11: Knit

12-17: Rep rows 10 and 11 three more times

Repeat 2-9 and 10-17 until hat is desired height, usually 5 1/2 to 7 inches.

Begin to close hat by decreasing evenly on pattern rows, as follows:

For the pattern contained in rows 2-9, do the pattern in row 2 once around, and then repeat that pattern with decreases on patterned rows a total of 5 times, including the first round which is normal. So:

2a: normal – no shaping

3a: normal - no shaping

4a: K1, K2tog, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K3, yo, K1, yo, rep.

5a: Knit

6a: K2, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K1, K2tog, yo, K1, yo, rep

7a: Knit

8a: K2tog, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K2, yo, K1, yo, rep

9a: Knit

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10a: K1, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K2tog, yo, K1, yo rep

11a: Knit

At this point just start doing stockinette, and decrease evenly every 6 sts – you should have your hat on doublepointed needles at this point.

If you get to the desired depth of hat on the pattern contained in rows 10-17, decrease as follows:

10a: normal – no shaping

11a: normal – no shaping

12a: K1, K2tog, yo, K1, yo, K3, sl1, K2tog, pssso

13a: Knit

14a: K2, yo, K1, yo, K1, K2tog, sl1, K2tog, pssso

15a: Knit

16a: K2tog, yo, K1, yo, K2, sl1, K2tog, pssso

17a: K1, yo, K1, yo, K2tog, sl1, K2tog, pssso

Now switch to double pointed needles, work in stockinette, and decrease evenly until you have only about 14 sts, pull through and finish as you would any hat.

Run a piece of identical yarn through the bottom scallop so that the edge maintains its shape. This hat can be a little beanie (hence “Fagiolina”) or it can be a squooshy cloche, if you make the bucket deeper.

## Abbreviations

**beg** – beginning; **cc** – contrasting color;

**k**– knit; **p** – purl, **LH** – left hand; **RH** – right hand;

**pat** – pattern, work current pattern;

**pm** – place marker; **ssk** – slip, slip, knit;

**rnd** – round; **tog** – together; **sts** - stitches;

**skp** – slip1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the k1 and off the knitting needle; **x** – times

**rib** - knit the knits and purl the purls as they appear

**pssso** - pass the slipped stitch over and off the right

needle; **wyif** - with yarn in front; **yrn** - lay yarn over

right knitting needle; **tbl** - through the back of the

loop; **tfl** - through the front of the loop

**Embellishment notes:** jazz it up with flowers and bows; knit or crochet; yarn, ribbon, or buttons.

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