Classic Elite Yarns

Soft Linen
35% linen, 35% wool, 30% baby alpaca

Soft Linen is a blend of alpaca, wool and linen that combine to make a yarn, which is both soft and sturdy. Soft Linen is a smooth DK weight yarn that lends itself well to knitted lace. Pieces worked in Soft Linen will hold their shape, while remaining soft to the touch. This makes it a particularly good choice for accessories that will get a lot of use, like hats, belts, shawls, scarves and mitts. Soft Linen is available in a palette of 19 refined, yet robust colors.

SIZE: One size; to fit an average adult head
Finished Measurements: 23" circumference at base, stretched

MATERIALS
*Soft Lin*en by Classic Elite (35% linen, 35% wool, 30% baby alpaca; 50 gram ball = approx 137 yards)
• 2 balls 2204 New Fern
Needles:
• One 16" circular each size US 3 and 5 (3.25 and 3.75 mm)
• One set double pointed needles (dpns) size US 5 (3.75 mm)
Or size to obtain gauge.
• Stitch marker

GAUGE: 22 sts and 28 rows = 4" in Lace Pattern repeat with larger needles. **Take time to save time, check your gauge**

NOTE: This yarn will relax *a lot* during/after blocking, resulting in a loose-fitting beret.

SPECIAL TERMS:
m1: Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, from the front to the back, knt through the back loop (1 st increased)
yo: Yarn over (1 st increased)
k2tog: Knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased)
ssk: Slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (1 st decreased)
sk2p: Slip 1 st knitwise from the LH needle to the RH needle, k2tog, pass slipped st over knit st created by k2tog (2 sts decreased)

ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately
beg: begin(ning)
CO: cast on
dec('d): decrease(d)
dpn(s): double pointed needle(s)
inc('d): increase(d)
k: knit
k2tog: see Special Terms

LH: left hand
m1: see Special Terms
meas: measures
p: purl
patt: pattern
pc: piece
rem: remain(ning)
rep(s): repeat(s)

RH: right hand
rnd(s): round(s)
RS: right side
sk2p: see Special Terms
ssk: see Special Terms
st(s): stitch(es)
yo: see Special Terms

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PATTERN STITCHES:
1 x 1 Rib: (multiple of 2 sts)
Rnd 1: *K1, p1; rep from * around
Rep rnd 1 for 1 x 1 Rib

Lace Pattern (multiple of 6 sts + 24)
(also, see chart)
Rnd 1: Ssk, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, sk2p, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2, yo k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk; rep from * to last st, k1.
Rnd 2 and all even rounds: Knit
Rnd 3: Ssk, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k3, [k2tog] 2 times, yo, k3, yo, *sk2p, yo, k3, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, ssk.
Rnd 5: Ssk, [k2, yo] 2 times, ssk, k1, k2tog, [yo, k2] 2 times, k2tog, k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, *k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last st, k1.
Rnd 7: Ssk, k1, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, sk2p, yo, *k3, yo, sk2p, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Rep rnds 1–8 for Lace Patt.

Lace Decrease Pattern (multiple of 6 sts + 24 dec'd to multiple of 2 sts + 8)
(also, see chart)
Rnd 1: Ssk, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, sk2p, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2, yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk; rep from * to last st, k1
Rnd 2, 4: Knit
Rnd 3: [Ssk] 2 times, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1, [k2tog] 3 times, yo, k3, yo, *sk2p, yo, k3, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, ssk—multiple of 6 sts + 20.
Rnd 5: Ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, p1, *ssk, k1, k2tog, p1; rep from * to end—multiple of 4 sts + 16.
Rnds 6 and 8: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as they face you.
Rnd 7: [Ssk] 2 times, sk2p, [k2tog] 2 times, p1, *sk2p, p1; rep from * to end—multiple of 2 sts + 8.
Work rnds 1–8 for Lace Dec Patt.

BERET
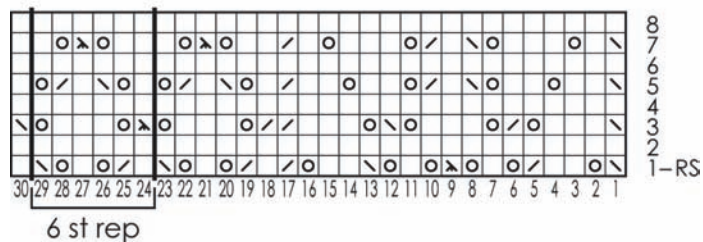With smaller circular needle, CO 114 sts. Join to beg working in-the-rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg-of-rnd. **Begin 1 x 1 Rib;** work even until pc meas ¾" from beg. **Inc Rnd:** K18, *m1, k4; rep from * around—138 sts. **Change to larger needle and Lace Patt;** work even for 48 rnds, ending after rnd 8 of patt. **Change to Lace Dec Patt;** work 8 rnds, changing to dpns when necessary—46 sts rem. Next Rnd: K1, sk2p, k1, *k5, sk2p; rep from * to last st, k1—34 sts rem. Knit 1 rnd. Next Rnd: K4, *sk2p, k2; rep from * to end—22 sts rem. Knit 1 rnd.
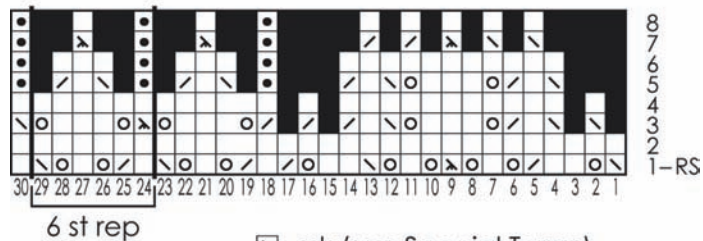
FINISHING
Break yarn leaving approx 6" tail. Draw tail through rem sts and pull tight. Wet block hat to desired size over a dinner plate.

Lace Chart
(multiple of 6 sts + 24; 8 rnd rep)

Lace Decrease Chart
(multiple of 6 sts + 24; 8 rnds)

☒ ssk (see Special Terms)

☐ knit   ☑ k2tog (see Special Terms)

⊡ purl   ☒ sk2p (see Special Terms)

■ no stitch   ⊙ yo (see Special Terms)

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