

## VILLAVA BEANIE

**Design:** Lankava, Marja Rautiainen.

**Sizes:** 50-55 (58-61) cm.

**Yarn:** Villava Wool Yarn 3-ply, 180x3 tex (100 % wool, 100 g = ca. 180 m) 5 (8) g natural white (1) or light grey (2) and 60 (70) g light grey (2) or grey (3).

**Needles:** 4 mm: circular needle 40 or 50 cm and DPNs.

Or size to obtain the recommended gauge.

**Rib Stitch:** Worked in the round: K2, P2.

**Gauge:** 16.5 sts and 23 rnds = 10 cm over St St.

### Abbreviations:

DPNs = Double-pointed needles

Inc = Increase

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 sts together

M = Stitch marker

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 sts together

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right side of work

Sl = Slip

Skpo = Slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

St = Stitch(es)

St St = Stockinette Stitch

Tbl = Through back loop(s)

WS = Wrong side of work

**Instructions:** Make a swatch in St St. Choose a needle size that gives you the recommended gauge.

Using white (light grey) yarn and circular needle, cast on 80 (96) sts, turn work.

**Rnd 1:** Work in Rib Stitch and join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. This enables to get the RS of the cast-on edge showing on the front side of the folded brim. Work 4 rnds more, attach a removable stitch marker and move the marker as you progress. Continue with the light grey (grey) yarn and work as established until the work is 16 (19) cm or for longer model 19(22) cm. Work 1 rnd more and at the same time attach removable markers to denote the placement of 4 decrease lines as follows: Work 8 (12) sts, knit and mark next 2 knit sts, \*work 18 (22) sts, knit and mark next 2 knit sts\*, repeat \*-\* 2 times more and work the last 10 (10) sts. Next, start working the top decreases at the 2 marked knit sts as follows: Work to 1 st before the marked knit sts, K2tog, change the orientation of the next st (= insert the needle tip into the next st as if to knit and place it back on the left needle in its new orientation), K2tog tbl. = 72 (88) sts. Work 2 rnds without decreases. Then, repeat decrease round every 2nd round 4 times more and then every round until 8 sts left. Thread yarn through the remaining 8 sts and fasten off.

**Finishing:** Weave in the cast-on yarn end on the RS of the work. Gently squeezing hand-wash the hat in lukewarm water using wool-detergent. Rinse thoroughly and add a drop of fabric softener in the last rinse water. Do not dose detergents excessively. Let dry on a flat, soft surface. Fold the bottom edge up.

