

Mardi Gras Mask

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Yarn used: Caron Felt-It (about 50 yards) and Moda Dea Dream (about 10 yards)
(any worsted weight yarn should work – be sure to check gauge).

Needles: US3 (3.25mm) (or size needed to get gauge)

Gauge = 5.5 sts/inch (22 sts over 4 inches)



Mask:

Cast on 36 sts.

R1 (WS): P across.

R2 (RS): K1, M1, K34, M1, K1.

R3: P across.

R4: K1, M1, K36, M1, K1.

R5: P across.

R6: K1, M1, K38, M1, K1 (42 sts).

R7: P across.

Work even in stockinette st. until piece measures 1.5 inches, ending on a wrong side row.

On next row –

R1(RS): K10, BO 8, K6, BO 8, K10.

R2: P across, joining 2 new yarn ends at the 2 gaps.

R3: K across (keeping yarns in the correct sections)

R4 (and all WS rows): P across.

R5: K across.

R7: K10, in center section – K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, then K10 on last section

R9: Now working with just one strand of yarn, K10, Cast on 8 sts to cross gap,
K2, M1, K4, M1, K2, Cast on 8 sts, K10.

R11: K1, K2tog, K17, M1, K6, M1, K17, ssk, K1.

R13: K1, K2tog, K16, M1, K8, M1, K16, ssk, K1.

R15: K1, K2tog, K15, M1, K10, M1, K15, ssk, K1 (46 sts).

R16: P across.

Bind off all sts.

Ties:

Pick up and K 9 sts on side of mask.

R1 (WS) and all WS rows: P across

R2 (RS): K1, K2tog, K3, ssk, K1

R4: K1, K2tog, K1, ssk, K1

R6: K1, sl1, K2tog, pss0, K1 (3 sts)

R8: Knit across

Now knit as I cord for 16 inches, or desired tie length.

Repeat on other side.

Finishing:

With same yarn as mask, work single crochet edging around eye holes.

With same or contrasting yarn, work single crochet around edge of mask.

If desired, make two tassels of contrasting yarn and attach to sides of mask.

Block thoroughly to reduce curling of mask edges, and to shape the nose flare.