Emily's Pointy Beret

A pointy beret for Emily knitted on 2 needles in aran-weight yarn, with crochet edging. This fits an average size head. NB – all crochet terms are UK terms

Cast on 80 stitches on 4.5mm needles, single rib for 1 inch, and then change to 5mm needles, increasing into every other stitch (120 stitches) on the first (knit) row, and knit stocking stitch for 11 rows, ending with a right side row.

Work 3 rows in garter stitch, then back to stocking stitch and begin decreases - there will be 12 stitches lost in every decrease row, ie. k10, k2tog, rep to end.

Decrease rows are worked about every 4th row, and the next decrease row will be k9, k2tog. (Work more bands of garter stitch rows if you like for additional texture.) Continue the decreases in this way till you have 12 stitches left, break yarn and pass through remaining stitches. Join seam with mattress stitch, and darn in ends.

Work crochet edging through first purl (as seen from the right side) row from beginning using 5mm hook. This has a repeat over 10 stitches so there will be 12 points altogether, 1ch for 1st dc, 1dc in next loop, htr in next loop, 1 tr in next loop, 1 dtr in next loop, 3 ch space, then reverse back down again (eg 1dtr, 1 tr, 1htr, 2dc), all following repeats will start with 2 dc. Join with ss, then 1dc into each stitch, and 2dc, 1ch, 2dc into each ch sp to end. Join with ss, fasten off.

Variations are possible, of course, why not knit the bottom part in green, the top part in brown, and 2 sets of rows of pointy bits in yellow for a sunflower hat. Or knit it all in bright green, and make longer points for a Statue of Liberty beret. Bet you can think of more (and better!)