

Plaid Redux Zoom Loom Hat



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Difficulty Level: Easy

Equipment: Schacht Zoom Loom, weaving needle.

Yarn: Arbor from Brooklyn Tweed – DK weight in Alizarin – 1 skein (145 yards per skein). Quarry from Brooklyn Tweed – Bulky Weight in Moonstone – 20 yards (200 yards per skein) .

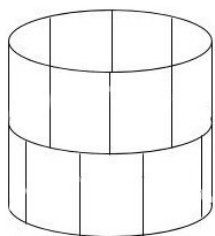
Weaving: Weave 17 squares with Alizarin. While each square is still on the loom, weave 4 supplementary rows in a contrasting yarn, Quarry (bulky weight) in color Moonstone. Weave these accents randomly so there is little repetition from square to square, windowpane fashion. I call this pattern “Plaid Redux”. Use caution when pulling the bulky Quarry yarn through the woven fabric.

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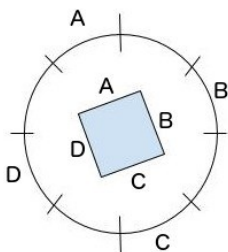


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Assembly: Create two strips of 8 squares. Sew the ends of each strip together to create two loops of 8 squares. Offset these two loops by half a square and sew the loops together (see diagram below).



Arrangement of two loops



Sewing the top square to the top loop

Take the final square and sew each side to every other square along the top of the upper loop (see diagram above). There will be 4 squares on the upper loop that won't be attached to the crown square, take some excess yarn and weave through the top edge, then cinch it tight to close the holes. Stitch the holes shut if necessary.

Finishing: Heavily full the hat until felted; stop when you reach a good fit for your head.

Optional: AFTER felting the hat, create a large pom-pom out of Quarry and sew it to the top using a length of Arbor.



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