

Minerva Turban (from The Minerva Yarn Book , 1923)



With black yarn, cast on 35 sts., K plain, working 5 ribs, then decrease 1 st. at each end, every 4th row, until 19 sts. Remain, bind off, this piece made will be referred to as black piece.

Pick up 7 sts. On curved side of black piece, turn, P. back, next row K. 7, pic up next 7 sts, turn, p back, next row k14, pick up next 7 sts, turn p back, next row k21, pick up next 10 sts., having 31 sts. on needles (this will be centre top of black piece). On next row, increase 1 st. every other st., having 46 sts. On needle, work 30 rows on all sts., then decrease 1 st. at each end very 4th row, until 20 sts. remain, continue on 20 sts. Until work measures 16 inches from black piece, bind off. Work other half to correspond, only pick up the sts on curved side of black piece on the purled row, in place of k row.

With black yarn, pick up sts on inside of first white stripe, up to the black piece,
*next row bind off 4 sts (toward center of black piece), k to end of row, turn, k to end
of row, turn. Repeat from * 3 times more, then bind off all pieces.

With black yarn pick up sts on inside of second white stripe, and work same as first.

With black yarn pick up the sts on outer edge of both white ends also across the
straight edge of black piece, k4, ribs all the way across, bind off.

Sew the shaped edge of black border on inside edge together for about 7 inches, lay
the ends in small pleats, sew them in place at center front and finish with 2 large
buttons as illustrated.