



NatureSpeak Knits

"RuffleHead"

MuffleHead addendum for Trendsetter's ChaCha

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This fun version of MuffleHead in Trendsetter's Cha Cha uses a DK or sport weight yarn as a base (I used a wild, hand-painted merino sock yarn!). It requires 55 yards of Cha-Cha, 200 yards of the base yarn and #6 circs. Both yarns are worked at the same time as in two-handed Fair Isle, with the base yarn in the right hand and Cha-Cha in the left. Also, I **strongly** recommend that before making a Cha-Cha "RuffleHead", you make a simple MuffleHead so you can see and understand the construction.



Follow the DK weight instructions for the cast-on and first 3 rows of ribbing with the base yarn alone ...
Now to do the Cha-Cha!!

Place the ball of Cha-Cha on the left with the loop-boxes up.



With both yarns in back of work and beginning on the first **knit** stitch of the next round, insert right needle into stitch as if to knit, wrap **base yarn** with right hand and, **STILL IN THE BACK**, bring needle tip through a loop-box of the Cha-Cha (leave a 4" tail) **from the back**. Bring both loops through the stitch to the front and complete knitting the stitch.

Bring just base yarn to the front & with **base yarn only**, purl next stitch.

- Take base yarn to back of work, insert right needle into next stitch as if to knit, wrap base yarn (right hand) **and** bring needle tip through the next loop-box on Cha-Cha **from the back** (left hand), bring both loops through stitch to front & complete knitting stitch.



- Bring base yarn to front & with **base yarn only**, purl next stitch.

Repeat this ribbing process, finishing just this round. Drop Cha-Cha (**do not break yarn**).

Work 1 round of ribbing with **base yarn only**.

Pick up Cha-Cha with left hand and work 1 round of ribbing with both yarns as before.

Next, work 1 round of ribbing with base yarn alone.

Continue alternating these two rounds following row counts on pattern. ... Just remember:

- Cha-Cha only on **knit** stitches,
- always wrap base yarn **first**,
- pick up Cha-Cha loop **from the back**.

Cast-on the second set of stitches as instructed with the **base yarn only**. Continue doing the Cha-Cha just on the first ring (still just knit stitches, every other round) until you have worked 3 rounds of ribbing on the new (second) ring. Now, bring the Cha-Cha over onto the second ring with the base yarn and begin doing the Cha-Cha on **both** rings (still just knit stitches, every other round). Yes, the Cha-Cha ruffles will be on the **inside** of one ring and on the **outside** of the other.

Continue until 3 rounds remain on the first ring. Stop doing the Cha-Cha on the first ring (continue on the second) and complete the last 3 rounds of ribbing on the first ring as instructed with base yarn alone.

Continue doing the Cha-Cha on the second ring until 3 rounds remain, then complete the last 3 rounds of ribbing on the second ring as instructed with base yarn alone.

Cut the Cha-Cha leaving a 4" tail. Pull all ends to the private (non-ruffle) side and weave in.

Extra Cha-Cha? Each round on each ring uses 1 yard of Cha-Cha (the box is 1 inch long, the round is 36 Cha-Cha stitches ... marvelous!).

