Irish Eyes Beret

Knitting Pattern by Moth and Rust

I love bobbles, and this quirky little hat is covered in them. A little traditional, a little modern, inspired by new life and buds in the spring and St. Patty's Day.
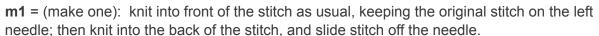
Materials:
- Cascade 220, Color: 2438, Spring Meadow (or any worsted weight yarn - Wool Ease works great, too!)
- US 5 double pointed needles
- US 7 double pointed needles
- US 7 circular 16″ needles
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on

sts = stitches

k = knit

m1 = (make one): knit into front of the stitch as usual, keeping the original stitch on the left needle; then knit into the back of the stitch, and slide stitch off the needle.

mb = make bobble: m1, m1 (you should now have 4 stitches where there were two); turn work, k4, turn work, k4, turn work, k4, turn work, k2tog, k2tog (you should now be back to to two stitches).

ssk = slip, slip, knit: slip one stitch knit wise, slip the next stitch purl wise, then knit the two slipped stitches together

k2tog =knit two stitches together

Instructions:
With US5 double pointed needles, CO 88 sts

Work 1 x 1 rib for 10 rounds.

Switch to US7 circulars:

Next round: k1, m1, repeat (total 132 sts)

Knit 3 rounds.

Next round: *k10, mb, repeat from *

Knit 5 rounds.

Next round: k4, mb, *k10, mb, repeat from *, end k6

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Next round: k4, mb, *k10, mb, repeat from *, end k6

Next round: *k10, ssk, repeat from *

Next round: knit

Next round: *k9, ssk, repeat from *

Next round: knit
Next round: *k8, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: *mb, k7, repeat from *
Next round: *k7, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: knit
Next round: *k6, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: knit
Next round: *k5, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: k3, mb, k9, mb, k6, mb, k9, mb, k5, mb, k9, mb, k9, mb, k2
Next round: *k4, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: knit
Next round: *k3, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: knit
Next round: *k2, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: k4, mb, k7, mb, k7, mb, k5, mb, k2
Next round: *k1, ssk, repeat from *
Next round: knit
Next round: k2tog, repeat

Cut yarn leaving a long tail; draw yarn through remaining stitches. Use long tail to attach pompom if desired. Weave in ends.