

Faux Cable Hat

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Yarn

Light worsted weight yarn

Suggested Needles & Notions

- 16" circular needles, US size 6
- Set of four double pointed needles, US size 6
- Stitch marker
- Darning needle (for weaving in ends)



Gauge

Between 5.75 (for a slightly larger size) and 6 (for a slightly smaller size) stitches per inch in stockinette.

The Brim

1. Cast on 96 stitches and join (without twisting, of course)
2. Knit the first round of *k4, p4*
3. Place a stitch marker at the end of the round to keep track of the beginning of rounds through the remainder of the pattern
4. If you want to make a folded up brim, continue the *k4, p4* pattern until you are 3.5 inches from the cast-on edge. If you want a non-folded brim, knit five more rounds of *k4, p4* (for a total of six rounds of ribbing).
5. Do one round of *k8, M1* (use your favorite M1 technique here, the lean does not matter)
6. Do one round of *k*

Main Body

The main body consists of the Main Body Chart knit twice (for a total of 48 rounds). For those who prefer to knit from instructions, text is also provided.

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\	-	SSK (slip, slip, knit)
/	-	K2TOG (knit two together)
L	-	M1L (make one left)
R	-	M1R (make one right)

1. *k7 k2tog k3 M1L*
2. (**NOTE1**) *M1R k3 ssk k7*
3. *k6 k2tog k3 M1L k1*
4. *k1 M1R k3 ssk k6*
5. *k5 ssk k3 M1L k2*
6. *k2 M1R k3 ssk k5*
7. *k6 ssk k1 M1L k3*
8. *k3 M1R k3 ssk k4*
9. *k*
10. *k4 M1R k3 ssk k3*
11. *k2 k2tog k1 M1R k7*
12. *k5 M1R k3 ssk k2*
13. *k1 k2tog k3 M1L k6*
14. *k6 M1R k3 ssk k1*
15. *k2tog k3 M1L k7*
16. *k7 M1R k3 ssk*
17. (**NOTE2**) *k3 M1L k7 k2tog*
18. *k8 M1R k2 k2tog*
19. (**NOTE2**) *k2 M1L k7 k2tog k1*
20. *k9 M1R k2tog k1*
21. (**NOTE2**) *k1 M1L k7 k1tog k2*
22. *k1 M1L ssk k9*
23. (**NOTE2**) *M1L k7 k2tog k3*
24. *M1L k2 ssk k8*

NOTE1: The first stitch in this round could be very tight. As an alternative, do a M1 with a reverse loop, and knit the new stitch through the back loop on the next round.

NOTE2: At the beginning of this round, remove the stitch marker, knit one stitch, and place the marker back on the needle. You have effectively moved the beginning of the round one stitch to the left.

Decreases

After knitting through the Main Body Chart twice, it is time to start the decreases. The decreases are very similar to the first 12 rounds of the main body, excluding the increases. At the end of the decreases, you will have nine stitches on your needles.

1. *k7 k2tog k3*
2. *k3 ssk k6*
3. (**NOTE3**) *k5 k2tog k3*
4. *k3 ssk k4*
5. *k3 ssk k3*
6. *k3 ssk k2*
7. *k3 ssk k1*
8. *k3 ssk*
9. *k*
10. (**NOTE4**) k1 *k2 ssk*
11. (**NOTE4**) k1 *k1 ssk*
12. (**NOTE4**) k1 *ssk*

NOTE3: At either this row or the next, you will want to move to double pointed needles. The pattern cycles is repeated nine times in the round. To ensure that stitches are distributed evenly among three needles, knit three repeats of the cycle on each needle.

NOTE4: At the end of each needle, the ssk will span two needles. Therefore, before the ssk, transfer one stitch from the left needle to the right needle. If that description is not entirely clear, fear not, it will be obvious what you need to do when you get there.

Finishing

Cut the yarn, pass it through the remaining stitches (twice, if you like), slowly and carefully pull tight to the inside of the hat, and weave in the ends. Don't forget to block the hat! Because of all the increases and decreases, blocking will help to even out the stitches significantly!