

The Able Cable Hat

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Now you can make a cable look hat without the cable needle, using only common increase and decrease stitches. The result is a particularly stretchy fabric for a one size fits all garment. The appearance from the crown is not bad, either. Pattern offered for free so please make at least one for charity.



Materials:

Worsted or heavy worsted yarn. Green sample is JoAnn's Sincerely, ombre sample is Impeccable by Loops and Threads.

Size 8 circular needle of choice and size 8 double pointed needles for crown decrease.

Child size (blue hat) made with size 5 needles and Caron Simply Soft yarn.

Stitch methods include yarn over (yo), knitting through the back loop (k1 tbl), making a purl stitch increase (m1p), slip, slip knit 2 together (ssk) and purl 2 together (p2tog).

CAST ON 80 sts. Join in the round without twisting. For a really large hat, cast on 96. Place marker.

Work brim in knit 2 purl 2 ribbing for a least 1 inch, or make it 2.5 inches for fold up brim.

Set up round: **Knit 14**, m1p, p2, repeat all around to marker.

Now work rounds 1 through 10 as follows:

Rd 1: yo, k3, ssk, k9, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 2: k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k8, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 3: k1, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k7, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 4: k2, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k6, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 5: k3, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k5, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 6: k4, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k4, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 7: k5, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k3, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 8: k6, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k2, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 9: k7, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, k1, p3, repeat to marker.

Rd 10: k8, k1 tbl, yo, k3, ssk, p3, repeat to marker.

Repeat rounds 1 through 10, but use the following new round for round 1 only:

New Rd 1: yo, k3, ssk, k4, k1 tbl, k4, p3, repeat to marker.

Do a total of three or four repeats of rds 1 – 10. On your last repeat of round 10, eliminate the yo.

Last round 10: k8, k1 tbl, k3, ssk, p3, repeat to marker.

Now start decrease rounds. Switch to double pointed needles when necessary, or use method of choice.

Dec 1: k3, ssk, k8, p3, repeat to marker.

Dec 2: k3, ssk, k7, p3, repeat to marker.

Dec 3: k3, ssk, k6, p3, repeat to marker.

Dec 4: k3, ssk, k5, p3, repeat to marker.

Dec 5: k3, ssk, k4, p3, repeat to marker.

Dec 6: k3, ssk, k3, p2tog, p1, repeat to marker.

Dec 7: ssk, k1, ssk, k2, p2, repeat to marker.

Dec 8: ssk, ssk, k1, p2, repeat to marker.

Dec 9: k1, ssk, p2tog, repeat to marker.

Dec 10: ssk, p1, repeat to marker. Cut yarn leaving 8 inch tail. Thread through all stitches

And fasten off on wrong side.



Looks really great with ombre yarn.



Child size made with size 5 needles and Caron Simply Soft gives circumference of 16 to 20 inches.