

CHUNKY CABLE HAT

by Emily Wessel



Size: Fits average adult head - 20-22" circumference.

Yarn: 1 skein Malabrigo Chunky (100g/104yds/95m, 100% merino wool). Hat shown is natural colour.

If substituting another yarn, choose a yarn that would normally knit to 14 sts/4" (or 12, 13, or 15)

Gauge: 12 sts/4" in stockinette stitch using larger needles

Needles: 6.5mm (US 10 1/2) and 6.0mm (US 10) needles (or whatever needles will produce the correct gauge)

Depending upon preference, this hat can be knit using double pointed needles (DPNs) throughout, or a combination of DPNs and a circular needle, or on 2 circular needles, or on a single long circular needle using the magic loop method.

Notions: Cable Needle and Darning Needle

Abbreviations:

CO Cast on
K Knit
K1b Knit into back loop
K2tog Knit 2 sts together
P Purl
P2tog Purl 2 sts together
* * repeat instructions between *s
st(s) stitch(es)
rep repeat
Rnd Round

A simple cable hat that knits up quickly, for a luxuriously soft and smoochy result - perfect for last-minute gifts!

Instructions:

Using smaller needles, CO 70 sts loosely. Place marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist work.

Rnds 1-5 - *K1b, P1* to end (70 sts.)

Switch to larger needles, and establish cable pattern as follows:

Rnd 6-9 - *K6, P4* to end

Rnd 10 - *slip 3 sts. to cable needle and hold in front of work, K3, K3 from cable needle, P4* rep to end

Work the following 6 rounds 4 times:

Rnds 1-5 - *K6, P4* rep to end.

Rnd 6 - as Rnd 10.

Work should measure approximately 6 1/2"

Proceed to decreases for crown:

Rnd 1: *K6, P2tog, P2*, rep to end (63 sts)

Rnd 2: *K4, K2tog, P3*, rep to end (56 sts)

Rnd 3: *K5, P2tog, P1*, rep to end (49 sts)

Rnd 4: *K3, K2tog, P2*, rep to end (42 sts)

Rnd 5: *slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work, K2, K2 from cable needle, P2tog*, rep to end (35 sts)

Rnd 6: *K2, K2tog, P1*, rep to end (28 sts)

Rnd 7: *K1, K2tog, P1*, rep to end (21 sts)

Rnd 8: *K2tog, P1*, rep to end (14 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving 8" tail. With darning needle, draw yarn tail through remaining live stitches, and pull tight to cinch top of hat to a close.

Weave in yarn ends, and block if desired. Enjoy!

For tutorials on how to cable, how to knit in the round, and other knitting techniques, visit my website at: <http://dampcityknits.wordpress.com>. If you have any questions, comments, or problems with this pattern, I can be reached at ecwessel@gmail.com

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