

Loved and Found Classic Flattop Hat

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Materials needed:

Approximately 100 yards A Bulky weight number 5 tweed yarn.

16" US 10.5 Circular needles.

US 10 DPNs.

Marker.

Darning needle.

Scissors.

Crochet hook.

Abbreviations:

CO: Cast On

K: knit

P: purl

K2tog: Knit 2 together

St: Stitch

St st: stockinette stitch

rev St st: reverse stockinette stitch

BO: bind off

Checkout <http://loved-and-found.org/knittingabbreviations.html> for a full list of abbreviations with videos of how to do them. This hat can be broken into three distinguishable parts... The Bottom, the Body and the Top.

The Bottom consists of eight rows of 2x2 ribbing. This is topped with two rows of knit stitch. **The Body** consists of two sections that repeat themselves twice. Each section is made up of the following. Three rows of Reverse Stockinet stitch followed by two rows of knit stitch. Then four rows of knit 1 purl 2 Ribbing which is followed by two rows of knit stitch.

The Top consists of three rows of Reverse Stockinet stitch followed by the spiraling decreases that are made up of Knit stitches and knit two together.

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The Pattern

Using a Bulky weight Number 5 yarn.

Cast on (CO) 85 St in multiples of 12 plus 1 onto 16" US 10.5 Circular needles.

Start by doing an "Invisible Join" this will reduce the count to 84 Stitches.

This YouTube link will help you with the process.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=47&v=idghalAiuZQ

Place marker at join just before the first K2.

THE BOTTOM - 2x2 ribbing for the next eight rows.

Row 1 thru row 8, (K2, p2) to the end of each row.

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 9 and 10 K to the end of each row.

THE BODY - Three rows of Reverse Stockinet stitch

Rows 11 thru 13 P all stitches to the end of each row.

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 14 and 15 K all stitches to the end of each row.

1x2 ribbing for the next four rows.

Row 16 thru row 19, (K1, p2) repeat to the end of each row.

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 20 and 21 K all stitches to the end of each row.

Three rows of Reverse Stockinet stitch

Rows 22 thru 24 P all stitches to the end of each row.

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 25 and 26 K all stitches to the end of each row.

1x2 ribbing for the next four rows.

Row 27 thru row 31, (K1, p2) repeat to the end of each row.

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 32 and 33 K all stitches to the end of each row.

THE TOP - *Three rows of Reverse Stockinet stitch*

Rows 34 thru 36 P all stitches to the end of each row.

Starting with 84 stitches on row.

Three rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 37 and 39 K to the end of each row.

One row of Decrease. 63 stitches on row when finished.

Row 40 (K2, K2tog) to the end of row.

Three rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 41 and 43 K all stitches to the end of each row.

One row of Decrease. 48 stitches on row when finished.

Row 44 (K2, K2tog) when you get to the end K remaining three stitches.

Three rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 45 and 47 K all stitches to the end of each row.

One row of Decrease. 36 stitches on row when finished.

Row 48 (K2, K2tog) to the end of row. K1 so that the marker is held on by one stitch.

Now would be a good time to change over to the DPNs.

Transfer 9 stitches to each of 4 DPNs

Two rows of Stockinet stitch.

Rows 49 and 50 K all stitches to the end of each row.

One row of Decrease. 28 stitches on row when finished.

Row 51 (K2, K2tog) to the end of row. This can be a bit tricky as the K2 might be on one needle with the K2tog on the next needle. When you get to the next to the last stitch on the third needle you will need to slip the remaining stitch to the left needle so you can do the K2tog

One row of Stockinet stitch.

Row 52 K all stitches to the end of row.

One row of Decrease. 22 stitches on row when finished.

Row 53 (K2, K2tog) to the end of row. This can be a bit tricky as the K2 might be on one needle with the K2tog on the next needle. Just like Row 51 the K2 might be on one needle and the K2tog is on the next needle. If you find you have 1 stitch of the K2tog on one needle slid that one stitch to the left needle then knit the stitches together.

One row of Stockinet stitch.

Row 54 K to the end of row. **STOP!!!** Consider the alternate ending listed below. Now you are ready to transfer the yarn over to the darning needle. Take about 16 inches or 1.5 centimeters of yarn then thread it to the darning needle. Transfer the yarn from the DPNs picking up each loop of yarn as you go.

Once the transfer is complete, draw the yarn nice and tight to close the hole at the top of the hat. Move the needle to the inside of the hat threading it through the loops and tie it off.

The Alternate Ending!!! On Row 54 BO on the next loop, then transfer all the loops onto an elastic cord. Tie the elastic cord really tight and maybe even add a spot of glue. And just like that you have turned the Flattop into a Ponytail Flattop. How cool is that? Sorry, I don't have a picture of this at this time, but when I do it will be integrated into the next revision of this pattern.

Use a crochet hook to finish off all of the loose ends and you're done.

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