



Crafty Housewife Yarns

Boldly Traditional

Ribbed Handspun Yarn Hat



Handspun Yarn Suggestion: Approx 70-75 yards heavy worsted to bulky weight

Needle size : US 7-8 or size you normally use for bulky weight yarn

I like using double points for hats but if you prefer using circulars that should work fine.

Gage: 14 stitches and 14 rows approx 4 inches

Size: standard adult size hat, If you need it to be larger or smaller increase or decrease by 4 stitches. One off each double point if that's what you're using.

Skills needed: Knit and Purls stitches, knitting in the round, increase and decreases, general sense of adventure

Abbreviations:

K: knit

sts : stitches

P: purl

k2tog: Knit next 2sts together

Pattern

support:

I would highly recommend blocking your handspun hat. Always use cool water to wet and then lay flat to dry in the desired shape. If your yarn has very bright dyes it's always wise to lay flat to dry on an old towel or something similar the first time you block to avoid any color transfer, just like those cool dark wash jeans.



Alterations

suggestions:



If you increase or decrease the cast on stitches for a different fit you may end up with one slightly different large rib due to how they line up. I've made lots of these hats and I think it is a cool design element but if that would bother you make sure to keep your stitches in the suggested cast or increase or decrease in 8s

Let's start knitting your awesome hat:

Cast on 64 stitches you can either divide these stitches on double points or use a circular needle what ever you want. If you're using circular you may need to switch to double points during the decrease. This is one of the reasons I like double points for the whole hat. That and you look all retro and people are impressed with your mastery of pointy sticks.

Band of hat: place a stitch marker to note the start of new rounds knit in a (k2 p2) repeat all the way around until your hat brim measures 2 inches long

At the beginning of a row change your patterns repeat to (k6 p2) and repeat all the way around.

Knit in this pattern till the total length of the hat is around 6.5 inches long then it's time for the decrease for the crown.

Decrease: at the start of the row *k6 then k2tog* all the way around

next row and every other row after knit all the k and purl all the p all the way around

3rd row *k5 then k2tog* all the way around

Repeat these two rows every other row knitting all k and purling all purls

Decrease the number of stitches in between k2tog every other row, 4sts , 3sts, 2sts ,1sts , all the way down.

When you have finished all of your decrease rows run the tail of your yarn through all of the remaining 11 sts and pull tight.



Weave in all ends