

UpCountry Hat

This unisex hat dresses up stripes or solids with a rich texture that's easy to knit. Designed to match the UpCountry Cowl, its double layered brim warms ears elegantly.

Materials

Twisted Fiber Art Duchess Self-Striping (100% superwash merino wool, 240 yards, 100g), 1 skein (www.twistedfiberart.com)

4.0mm 16" circular or double point needles, or size to obtain gauge

stitch marker

darning needle

Gauge

20 sts, 28 rows = 4" in stocking st, after blocking

Finished Dimensions

S (M, L): 16.5 (18, 19.5)" circumference; 7 (7.25, 7.5)" long once folded per Finishing. Using Duchess, size M fits comfortably on a 22" head.

Abbreviations

K: knit.

K2tog: knit two sts together (decrease)

P: purl.

st(s): stitch(es).



Directions

Using 4.0 mm circular needles, cast on 88 (96, 104) sts, place marker, and join to work in the round being careful not to twist work.

Ribbing

Round 1: Knit.

Rounds 2-9: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end of round.

Body

Rounds 1-2: Knit.

Rounds 3-6: *K4, P4; repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 7-8: Purl.

Rounds 9-12: *P4, K4; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1-12 three times more.

Crown

Round 1: K9 (10, 11), K2 tog - 80 (88, 96) sts.

Round 2 and all even rows: Knit.

Round 3: K8 (9, 10), K2 tog - 72 (80, 88) sts.

Round 5: K7 (8, 9), K2 tog - 64 (72, 80) sts.

Round 7: K6 (7, 8), K2 tog - 56 (64, 72) sts.

Round 9: K5 (6, 7), K2 tog - 48 (56, 64) sts.

Round 11: K4 (5, 6), K2 tog - 40 (48, 56) sts.

Round 13: K3 (4, 5), K2 tog - 32 (40, 48) sts.

Round 15: K2 (3, 4), K2 tog - 24 (32, 40) sts.

Round 17: K1 (2, 3), K2 tog - 16 (24, 32) sts; size Small ends, proceed to Finishing.

Round 19: K - (1, 2), K2 tog - - (16, 24) sts; size Medium ends, proceed to Finishing

Round 21: K - (-, 1), K2 tog - - (-, 16) sts; size Large ends, proceed to Finishing.

Finishing

Cut an 8-10" tail, run through remaining 16 sts, run in ends, and block. To wear, fold the brim up inside the hat so the bottom edge begins with the first purl ridge of Rounds 7-8.

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