



Mike's Cable Hat

This is an easy-intermediate to knit hat, featuring two opposite facing cables for a unique twist!

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Materials

Size 8 16" circular needles (optional if DPN preferred)
> 120 yards for worsted or bulky
size 8 DPNs
Cable needle or spare DPN size 8

Gauge

4-4.5 stitches per inch. The pattern as written is a nice fit for my 23" head.
Adjust as necessary.



Pattern Definitions

C6F - slip 3 stitches onto cable needle, hold in front, knit next three, knit three off cable needle; this will create a right-leaning cable

C6B - slip 3 stitches onto cable needle, hold in back, knit next three, knit three off cable needle; this will create a left-leaning cable

Directions

Cast on 88 stitches. Place marker and Join in round, being very careful not to twist stitches. Then,

Row 1: Knit in k2, p2 rib for about 8-10 rounds.

Row 11: k6, p2, k6, p2, knit around until 2 left in round, p2

Rows 12-15: repeat row 11

Row 16: C6B, p2, C6F, p2, knit around until 2 left in round, p2. Repeat rows 11-16 until hat is 8 inches long, ending on a cabled row.

To decrease:

Row 1: K2tog, k4, p2, k2tog, k4, p2, *k2 tog, k6, repeat from* until two stitches left, p2.

Row 2: On next and all even rows, continue as with pattern, knitting knits, purling purls.

Row 3: K2tog, k3, p2, k2tog, k3, p2, *k2tog, k5, repeat from* until two stitches left, p2.

Row 5: K2tog, k2, p2, k2tog, k2, p2, *k2tog, k4, repeat from* until two stitches left, p2.

Row 7: K2tog, k1, p2, k2tog, k1, p2, *k2tog, k3, repeat from* until two stitches left, p2.

Row 9: K2tog, p2, k2tog, p2, *k2tog, k2, repeat from* until two stitches left, p2.

Row 11: P2tog, p1, p2tog, p1, *k2tog, k1, repeat from* until *three* stitches left, p2tog, p1.

Row 13: P2tog, p2tog, *k2tog, repeat from * until two remain, p2tog.

Row 14: k around, cut string leaving long tail, feed through loops on needles using tapestry needle and pull tightly. Weave in end.

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