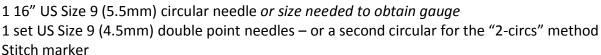# COMFY HAT

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Heavy-worsted yarn makes this comfortable loose-fitting hat a quick knit. Use a soft, luxury yarn and you'll have a special gift – even a gift for yourself! Knit/purl ladders climb from the edging to swirl together at the top of the crown. Instructions are given in both the line-by-line written method and charts. You choose whichever method you prefer.

Size
Adult Medium

Materials
110 yards heavy-worsted weight yarn. Sample knit in "Monteza" by Classic Elite 950% llama, 50% wool), color 015, 100gr, 127 yds per skein
1 16" US Size 9 (5.5mm) circular needle *or size needed to obtain gauge*
1 set US Size 9 (4.5mm) double point needles – or a second circular for the "2-circs" method
Stitch marker

Gauge
4 sts = 1" over stockinette stitch

BORDER
Cast on 72 sts. Join to work in the round taking care not to twist the stitches. Place marker for beginning of round. Work in 1 x 1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 6 rounds.

Next round: *[(k1 thru the front and back of the same stitch, p1) three times, k1, p1]*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 99 sts.

BODY
Begin pattern using either the line-by-line instructions or the chart below.

LEGEND
Knit
· Purl

Round 1: (k8, p3) 9 times
Round 2: (k8, p1, k1, p1) 9 times

Work the two rows until piece measures 4 ½" (11.5cm) from cast on edge ending after working a Round 2.

CROWN
Round 1: *(k6, k2tog, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 90 sts
Round 2: *(k7, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 3: *(k7, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 4: *(k5, k2tog, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round to end of round = 81 sts
Round 5: *(k6, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 6: *(k6, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 7: *(k4, k2tog, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 72 sts
Round 8: *(k5, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 9: *(k5, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 10: *(k3, k2tog, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round to end of round = 63 sts
Round 11: *(k4, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 12: *(k2, k2tog, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 54 sts
Round 13: *(k3, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 14: *(k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 45 sts
Round 15: *(k2, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 16: *(k2tog, p1, k1, p1)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 36 sts
Round 17: *(k1, p3)*, repeat from * to * to end of round
Round 18: *(k1, p2tog, move yarn to the back, slip the p2tog back over to the left needle, pass the st which is now the 2nd st on the left needle up and over the p2tog st and let drop as if to bind off, slip the p2tog st back to the right needle)*, repeat from * to * to end of round = 18 sts
Round 19: *(k1, p1)* repeat to end of round
Round 20: k1, *(k2tog)*, repeat until there is only 1 stitch remaining. Slip this last stitch over to the next round, and knit these 2 sts together = 9 sts

Break yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread yarn through remaining 9 loops and gather together. Secure yarn end. Weave in all tails. Enjoy!

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