

JAUNTY CAP

Two strands of worsted weight are held together to knit this warm, tweedy newsboy style cap. Knit in the round, the ribbing of the brim is flexible enough to fit most adults and stay on even on windy days. Short-rows in the front shape the crown, and a seed stitch bill finishes the look. The photo sample was knit with two strands of single-ply Falkland Islands Wool in natural colors.

Sizes

To fit adults, 22" finished size circumference

Materials

Worsted weight wool yarns – about 200 yards. Use 2 different colors for a tweedy effect.

US Size 9 (5.5mm) 16" circular needle or *size needed to obtain gauge*

US Size 9 (5.5) dpns

Small lengths of smooth cotton yarn to use as markers.

Stitch marker

Gauge: 4 sts and 5 rows per inch over stockingette stitch

Patterns:

1x1 Ribbing = (k1, p1) repeat, over an even number of stitches

Stockinette = knit every round

Seed Stitch = (k1, p1) repeat, over an odd number of stitches

M1 = Make one by lifting the strand between the stitches from the row below onto the left hand needle and knit it.

BRIM

Holding 2 strands of yarn together throughout project, cast on 72 stitches using the 16" circular needle. Join, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Work 1 round in 1x1 ribbing. Place a ring-type stitch marker here at center back which will be the beginning of each new round.

Next round: Place markers for the location of the cap's bill to be added later as follows:
Continuing in 1x1 ribbing pattern, work 22 sts, place marker #1 by tying a 4" length of smooth cotton yarn loosely in a loop thru the strand between the stitch last worked and the next stitch. This marker will stay on this row and will be removed when you apply the bill after completing the body of the cap. Work the next 14 sts, place marker #2 – Center Front - in the same way, work the next 14 sts, place marker #3, work the last 22 sts to end of round.

Work 3 more rounds of ribbing as established.



BODY

The body of the hat is knit in stockinette stitch (knit every round) beginning with an **Increase Round:** (k3, m1) repeat around. You will now have 96 stitches.

Knit 3 more rounds.

Next round – short rows: knit 78, wrap next stitch and turn work, purl 60, wrap next stitch and turn work. Knit 55, wrap next stitch and turn work, purl 50, wrap next stitch and turn work. Knit to marker at center back taking care to lift the wraps on the two short row turn stitches and knit the wrap together with the stitch.

Next round: Knit – again managing the remaining 2 wrapped short-row turn stitches.

Knit 3 more rounds.

Next round - short row: knit 65, wrap next stitch and turn work, purl 34, wrap next stitch and turn work. Knit to marker at center back managing the short row wrapped stitch.

Next round: Knit – again managing the 1 wrapped short-row turn stitch.

Next round: SSK, knit to end of round = 95 stitches.

CROWN

Change to double point needles when necessary.

Rnd 1: (ssk, k15, k2tog) 5 times [note: you should always end at the center back marker] = 85 sts

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: (ssk, k13, k2tog) 5 times = 75 sts

Rnd 4: knit

Rnd 5: (ssk, k11, k2tog) 5 times = 65 sts

Rnd 6: knit

Rnd 7: (ssk, k9, k2tog) 5 times = 55 sts

Rnd 8: knit

Rnd 9: (ssk, k7, k2tog) 5 times = 45 sts

Rnd 10: knit

Rnd 11: (ssk, k5, k2tog) 5 times = 35 sts

Rnd 12: knit

Rnd 13: (ssk, k3, k2tog) 5 times = 25 sts

Rnd 14: knit

Rnd 15: (ssk, k1, k2tog) 5 times = 15 sts

Rnd 16: knit

Rnd 17: Move the last stitch just knit back over to the left hand needle. (slip 2 tog, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch, k1) 3 times, slip 2 tog, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch. = 7 sts

Cut yarn leaving a 7" tail. Thread tail through the remaining stitches and gather them together. Secure tail.

BILL

Continue to hold 2 strands of yarn together for the Bill which is knit in seed stitch. You may either follow the line-by-line instructions below or the chart on the next page.

Hold hat upside down with cast on edge “up”, top of crown “down”, and the front of the hat facing you. Pick up and knit the cast on stitch below the cotton loop stitch marker at the far right. Pick up 27 more stitches, working towards the center and ending at the far left cotton loop stitch marker for a total of 28 sts on your needle. Turn work.

The following are row-by-row instructions. See the chart at the end of the pattern for a more visual approach.

Row 1: slip the first stitch as if to purl, (kfbl, p1, k1) 9 times. = 37 sts

Row 2: slip 1, (p1, k1) 16 times which leaves 4 stitches un-worked. Short row Slip-Wrap-Turn work (SWT)

Row 3: (k1, p1) 14 times (leaves 5 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 4: (p1, k1) 13 times (leaves 6 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 5: (k1, p1) 12 times (leaves 7 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 6: (p1, k1) 11 times (leaves 8 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 7: (k1, p1) 10 times (leaves 9 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 8: (p1, k1) 9 times (leaves 10 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 9: (k1, p1) 8 times (leaves 11 sts. un-worked) SWT

Row 10: (p1, k1) 8 times. The next st has been wrapped so pick up the wrap, and work together with the stitch *purling* the 2 stitches together. Knit 1, Unwrap next stitch and again, purl the 2 together. Slip-Wrap-Turn (SWT)

Row 11: (p1, k1) 9 times, p1, The next st has been wrapped so pick up the wrap, and work together with the stitch *knitting* the 2 together. Purl 1, Unwrap next stitch and again, knit the 2 together, Slip-Wrap-Turn (SWT)

Row 12: (k1, p1) 11 times. Unwrap next stitch and work the 2 together as a knit, unwrap next stitch and work the 2 together as a purl, knit1, unwrap next stitch and work the 2 together as a purl, k1, p1, k1, pick up one stitch from the cast on edge and knit it.

The key to a nicely shaped Bill is to bind off much more loosely than you would normally do, perhaps even using a larger sized needle.

Row 13 - Last row: Slip first stitch, **LOOSELY** Bind off in PURL 29 stitches, unwrap the next stitch and bind the wrap and the stitch off together, unwrap the next stitch and bind the wrap and the stitch off together, bind off 1 more stitch, unwrap the next stitch and bind off the wrap and the stitch together, bind off last 4 stitches, then pick up and *purl* one stitch from the cast on edge, bind it off too. Break yarns and weave in ends.

Carefully remove cotton yarn loop markers. Wet block hat, stretching and shaping bill to desired curved shape. Decorate with a leather strap and buttons, buckles, or ??? Enjoy!

