antelope hat

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This hat has some sweet but simple details: a picot brim, eyelets and a lacey crown. Choose from a slouchy style or a beanie!

The picot brim is made with a provisional cast on which is then folded up and knit together. There is also an option for a "no-sew" picot brim that uses a regular cast on, or if you prefer, you can make a traditional rolled or ribbed brim.

This hat is knit from the bottom to the crown with a worsted weight yarn. This hat has one size (with instructions to adjust) and a slightly visible seam.

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The Technical Stuff

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Skill Level:
Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, provisional cast on (optional)

Sizes: adult medium

Finished Measurements:
approx 26 cm wide and 23 cm tall lying flat for slouch style, 17 cm tall for a beanie style; fits approx a 56 cm head

Gauge:
approx 18 sts = 10 cm in St st on 5 mm as given on Malabrigo ball band

approx 18 sts and 36 rows = 10 cm in antelope patt on 5 mm after gentle blocking

Yarn: worsted merino wool

Suggested Brand:
1 skein Malabrigo *Merino Worsted*
100% merino wool
192 m per 100 g
shown in colour 63 natural
Note: this yarn is listed as an aran weight, but worsted is suggested

Needles:
4 mm 40 cm circs
5 mm 40 cm circs
5 mm dpns
3.5 mm-4 mm spare 40 cm circs (for provisional cast on)
4 mm crochet hook (for provisional cast on)
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook; stitch marker; scrap yarn (for provisional cast on)

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Skill Level:
Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, provisional cast on (optional)

Sizes: adult medium

Finished Measurements:
approx 10" wide and 9" tall lying flat for slouch style, 6.5" tall for beanie style; fits approx a 22" head

Gauge:
approx 18 sts = 4" in St st on US 8 as given on Malabrigo ball band

approx 18 sts and 36 rows = 4" in antelope patt on US 8 after gentle blocking

Yarn: worsted merino wool

Suggested Brand:
1 skein Malabrigo *Merino Worsted*
100% merino wool
210 yds per 3.5 oz
shown in color 63 natural
Note: this yarn is listed as an aran weight, but worsted is suggested

Needles:
US 6 16" circs
US 8 16" circs
US 8 dpns
US 4-6 spare 16" circs (for provisional cast on)
US 6 crochet hook (for provisional cast on)
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook; stitch marker; scrap yarn (for provisional cast on)

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Instructions:

Picot Brim

Beginning at bottom with smaller circs and crochet hook, CO 88 sts (or a multiple of 8) with provisional method and scrap yarn (see Resources on page 4 for more help).

Note: If you do not wish to use the provisional method, CO sts with backwards loop method. Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd. Sl m throughout. Knit one rnd and continue with Rnd 2, etc below.

Rnd 1: Beginning where the chains are from the provisional CO, attach main yarn and knit to end. Join in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd. Sl m throughout.

Rnds 2-4: Knit.
Rnd 5 (eyelet rnd)**:** *YO, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Note: Make sure your first YO remains at the beg of the rnd and doesn't "float" over to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 6-9: Knit.

Next: Undo provisional CO and place sts on spare circs. Fold up the CO edge to the inside and hold it parallel with the front needles. Knit together the st from the front needle and the st from the CO edge (behind) to the end of the rnd.

Note: For a "no-sew" brim, fold the CO edge to the inside. *Insert your needle into the next st on the needle tbl, pick up the corresponding purl st from the WS of the CO edge and knit together with the st on the needle. K1*. Rep from * to * to end of rnd, picking up and knitting together every other st from the CO edge.

For more help with this technique see the video link on the pattern's Ravelry page.

Rolled or Ribbed Brim

Beginning at bottom with smaller circs CO 88 sts (or a multiple of 8) with long-tail method.

Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd. Sl m throughout.

For a rolled brim knit 8 rnds.

For a ribbed brim K2, P2 for 6 rnds.

Note: You may also wish to work a K1tbl, P1 rib, or a simple K1, P1 ribbed brim. All styles look great with this hat! See Ravelry projects for more examples.

All styles

Work a K1, P1 rib for 4 rnds. Change to larger circs.

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Rnd 1: Purl.
Rnd 2-4: Knit.
Rnd 5: Purl.
Rnd 6 (eyelet rnd)**:** *YO, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 7: Purl.
Rnd 8-13: Rep Rnds 2-7.
Rnds 14-16: Knit.

Rep these 16 rnds once more for a beanie style (or to desired depth) and twice more for a slouch style (or more!).

Note: The sample shown was made with four reps total ending with a Rnd 14.

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Dec Rnds:

Note: Change to dpns when sts become too tight on circs.

Rnd 1: *K5, K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 2 (and all even rnds): Knit.
Rnd 3: *K4, K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 5: *K3, K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 7: *K2, K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 9: *K1, K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 11: *K3tog, YO*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.
Rnd 13: K2tog to end of rnd.

Cut yarn. Pull through rem sts and tie off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

Gently block the hat by spraying it with water and either steam blocking it with an iron or laying it flat to dry.

Resources

Provisional Cast On
https://blog.tincanknits.com/2015/07/16/provisional-cast-on-needle-and-hook-method/

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approx = approximately

beg = beginning

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CC = contrasting colour

ch = chain

circ(s) = circular needle(s)

cn = cable needle

CO = cast on

cont = continue

dc = double crochet

dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)

dec(s) = decrease(s)

foll = follow(ing)

hdc = half-double crochet

hk = hook

inc = increase

incl = including

K = knit

K2tog = knit two stitches together (decrease)

Kfb = knit into front and back of stitch (increase)

Ktbl = knit through back loop

kwise = knitwise

lp(s) = loop(s)

m = marker

M1 = make one (increase)

M1L = left slanting increase

M1R = right slanting increase

MC = main colour

P = purl

P2tog = purl two stitches together (decrease)

patt = pattern

pm = place marker

prev = previous

psso = passover

pu = pick up

pwise = purlwise

rem = remaining

rep = repeat

rev St st = reverse stockinette stitch

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

skp = slip one stitch, knit one stich, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch (decrease)

sl = slip

sl1k = slip one stitch knitwise

sl1p = slip one stitch purlwise

sl m = slip marker

sp(s) = space(s)

ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together (decrease)

sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together (double decrease)

st(s) = stitche(s)

St st = stockinette stitch / stocking stitch

tbl = through back loops

tog = together

WS = wrong side

wyib = with yarn in back

wyif = with yarn in front

YO = yarn over

**Hope you enjoyed the pattern.
Thanks from Bohoknits!**

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