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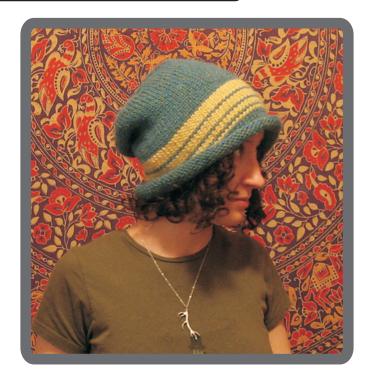
Wilted Warlock Hat

Abbreviations

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approx	approximately
beg	beginning
bet	between
ВО	bind off
CC	contrasting colour
ch	chain
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dpn(s)	double point needle(s)
dec(s)	decrease(s)
foll	follow(ing)
hdc	half double crochet
hk	hook
inc	increase
incl	including
K	knit
Kl f&b	knit 1 st in front and back
ktbl	knit through back loop
kwise	knitwise
K2tog	knit two together
lp(s)	loop(s)
M1	make one
MlL	make one left
MlR	make one right
MC	main colour
P	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
psso	passover
pu	pick up
pwise	purlwise
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl m	slip marker
sp(s)	space(s)
ssk	slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stockinette stitch
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
WS	wrong side

YO

yarn over



Here is a unisex slouch hat that is so easypeasy and quick to knit that you'll want to make five. Makes a great last-minute gift and has a scrumptious drape when knit up with a bulky alpaca.

Craft: knitting

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, dec, colour change (optional)

Sizes: one size (fits adult size 21"-23")

Finished Measurements: approx. 10" tall and 10" wide lying flat

Gauge: 16 sts and 22 rows = 4" in st st on 6 mm

Yarn: 100g, 100 yds (91 m) bulky weight alpaca in MC; 25g, 25

yds (22 m) bulky weight stash yarn for CC

Suggested Brand: 1 skein Estelle Super Alpaca shown in 315; 0.5

skein Mirasol Sulka shown in 216

Needles: 6 mm 16" circular, 6 mm dpns

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook



Instructions:

Note: This hat is kind of a blank slate...try it in a solid, striped or make up your own chart.

CO 80 sts in MC (or multiple of 8). Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd.

Knit in st st for 12 rnds or until piece measures approx. 2.5" from CO edge. Do not cut MC. Carry strands up the back unless you want to weave your ends in later.

Change to CC and knit 1 rnd.

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

Knit 2 rnds with CC.

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

Knit 3 rnds with CC.

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

Knit 4 rnds with CC.

Change to MC and knit in st st until piece measures approx. 10" from CO edge (approx. 25 rnds from last stripe).

Dec Rnds:

Change to dpns when sts become too tight on circulars.

Rnd 1: *K6, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2 (and all even rnds): knit

Rnd 3: *K5, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *K4, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

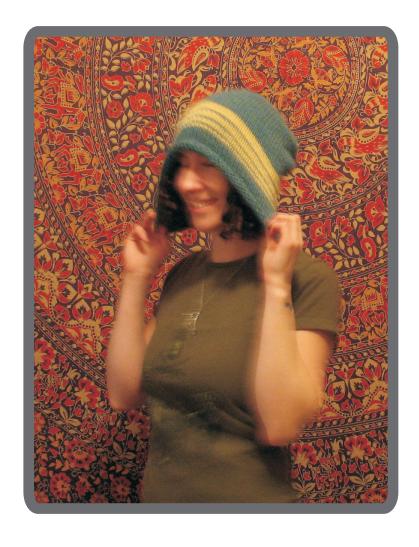
Rnd 7: *K3, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: *K2, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 10: *K1, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 11: K2tog to end of rnd.

Cut yarn and weave through rem sts. Weave in all ends.



When Kelly isn't busy knitting and designing, she is exploring the Rocky Mountains with her dog, or probably drinking tea.