

mountain nights toque by Kelly McClure

This slouchy hat is simply knit with a couple of ribbed bands around the brim. This makes it comfy and a great way to show off hand-dyed yarn. It is enjoyed by stargazing people of all ages.

This toque is easy enough for a beginner who is learning to knit in the round and would like an introduction to making hats.

This hat is knit from the bottom to the crown with a bulky weight yarn. This hat has one size and a barely visible seam on the first band.



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The Technical Stuff





Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, K2tog

Sizes: adult medium

Finished Measurements:

approx 22 cm wide and 27 cm tall lying flat; fits

a 53-59 cm head

Gauge:

approx 14 sts and 24 rows = 10 cm in St st on 6

mm as given on ball band

Yarn: bulky wool

Suggested Brand:

1 skein Lorna's Laces Shepherd Bulky

100% wool

128 m per 113 g

shown in colour Edgewater

Needles:

6 mm 40 cm circs

6 mm dpns

or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny

crochet hook; stitch marker

Skill Level:

Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, K2tog

Sizes: adult medium

Finished Measurements:

approx 8.5" wide and 10.5" tall lying flat; fits a

21-23" head

Gauge:

approx 14 sts and 24 rows = 4" in St st on US

10 as given on ball band

Yarn: bulky wool

Suggested Brand:

1 skein Lorna's Laces Shepherd Bulky

100% wool

140 yds per 4 oz

shown in color Edgewater

Needles:

US 10 16" circs

US 10 dpns

or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny

crochet hook; stitch marker



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Instructions:

Beginning at bottom with circs CO 66 sts (or a multiple of 6) with long-tail method.

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

Rnd 1: Purl. Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep these two rnds once more.

Rnd 5: Purl.

Knit four rnds.

Purl four rnds.

Work in St st (knit every st) until hat measures approx 26 cm/10" from CO.

Decs:

Change to dpns when sts become too tight on circs. 11 sts decreased every second rnd.

Rnd 1: *K4, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 55 sts rem.

Rnd 2 (and all even rnds): Knit.

Rnd 3: *K3, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 44 sts rem.

Rnd 5: *K2, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 33 sts rem.

Rnd 7: *K1, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 22 sts rem.

Rnd 9: K2tog to end of rnd. 11 sts rem.

Tie off and weave in ends. Block if desired.







abbreviations

patt = pattern

approx = approximately pm = place marker beg = beginning prev = previous **BO** = bind off psso = passover **BOR** = beginning of round pu = pick up **CC** = contrasting colour pwise = purlwise ch = chain rem = remaining circ(s) = circular needle(s) rep = repeat cn = cable needle **rev St st =** reverse stockinette stitch CO = cast on rnd(s) = round(s) cont = continue **RS** = right side dc = double crochet sc = single crochet dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s) sk = skip dec(s) = decrease(s) **skp** = slip one stitch, knit one stich, pass slipped stitch **foll** = follow(ing) over knitted stitch (decrease) hdc = half-double crochet sI = slip hk = hooksl1k = slip one stitch knitwise inc = increase sl1p = slip one stitch purlwise incl = including sl m = slip marker K = knitsp(s) = space(s)**K2tog** = knit two stitches together (decrease) ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together **Kfb** = knit into front and back of stitch (increase) (decrease) Ktbl = knit through back loop **sssk** = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together kwise = knitwise (double decrease) st(s) = stitche(s) lp(s) = loop(s)**m** = marker **St st** = stockinette stitch / stocking stitch **M1** = make one (increase) tbl = through back loops M1L = left slanting increase tog = together M1R = right slanting increase WS = wrong side MC = main colour wyib = with yarn in back P = purl wyif = with yarn in front **P2tog** = purl two stitches together (decrease) YO = yarn over