





vegabond hat

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This unisex hat is so cozy you may not want to take it off. If you feel like wandering, make sure this hat wanders off with you. It is loose-fitting, slouchy, oh-so-warm and even reversible.

The sweet and simple detail around the brim is like a touch of icing on a cupcake. This hat is knit in stockinette stitch making this a great hat for showing off a luxurious yarn or a favourite colour. It also makes for perfect travel knitting.

This hat is knit from the bottom to the crown with a light fingering weight yarn. Stitches are then picked up around the trim in a second colour. The hat is then knit identically a second time and tacked at the top. This hat has three sizes and no visible seam.



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The Technical Stuff

**Skill Level:**

Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, picking up stitches

Sizes: adult small, medium, large (shown in medium)

Finished Measurements:

approx 26/28/30 cm wide and 26 cm tall lying flat after blocking; fits a 53/56/59 cm head

Gauge:

approx 30 sts and 40 rows = 10 cm in St st on 3 mm as given on ball band and before blocking

Yarn: light fingering alpaca blend

Suggested Brand:

2 skeins Berroco *Ultra Alpaca Fine*
50% superwash wool; 30% nylon, 20% super fine alpaca
400 m per 100 g
shown in colour 1207 gray and 1281 red

+ small amount fingering CC for trim

Note: for gauge accuracy, choose two yarns of the same brand

Needles:

3 mm 40 cm circls
3 mm dpns
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle; stitch marker

**Skill Level:**

Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, picking up stitches

Sizes: adult small, medium, large (shown in medium)

Finished Measurements:

approx 10.5/11/11.5" wide and 10" tall and lying flat after blocking; fits a 21/22/23" head

Gauge:

approx 30 sts and 40 rows = 4" in St st on US 2 as given on ball band and before blocking

Yarn: light fingering alpaca blend

Suggested Brand:

2 skeins Berroco *Ultra Alpaca Fine*
50% superwash wool; 30% nylon, 20% super fine alpaca
106 yds per 3.5 oz
shown in color 1207 grey and 1281 red

+ small amount fingering CC for trim

Note: for gauge accuracy, choose two yarns of the same brand

Needles:

US 2 16" circls
US 2 dpns
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle; stitch marker



Instructions:

Beginning at bottom with circs CO 156/168/180 sts (or a multiple of 12) with long-tail method (important) and small amount of CC yarn.

After CO, cut CC leaving a 15 cm/6" tail.

Do not join. With WS of CO facing (the purl side), attach first colour. Knit to end of row.

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

Knit in St st for 18-20 cm/7-8" from CO. Length of hat can easily be adjusted for personal preference.

Decs:

Change to dpns when sts become too tight on circs. Hat should measure approx 18 cm/7" from CO. 13/14/15 sts decreased every third rnd.



Rnd 1: *K10, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 143/154/165 sts rem.

Rnd 2-3: Knit even.

Rnd 4: *K9, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 130/140/150 sts rem.

Rnd 5-6: Knit even.

Rnd 7: *K8, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 117/126/135 sts rem.

Rnd 8-9: Knit even.

Rnd 10: *K7, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 104/112/120 sts rem.

Rnd 11-12: Knit even.

Rnd 13: *K6, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 91/98/105 sts rem.

Rnd 14-15: Knit even.

Rnd 16: *K5, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 78/84/90 sts rem.

Rnd 17-18: Knit even.

Rnd 19: *K4, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 65/70/75 sts rem.

Rnd 20-21: Knit even.

Rnd 22: *K3, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 52/56/60 sts rem.

Rnd 23-24: Knit even.

Rnd 25: *K2, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 39/42/45 sts rem.

Rnd 26: Knit even.

Rnd 27: *K1, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of rnd. 26/28/30 sts rem.

Rnd 28: Knit even.

Rnd 29: K2tog around. 13/14/15 sts rem.

Cut yarn. Pull through rem sts.

Next:

Using second colour and circ needles, pick up and knit sts along the trim starting at the same beg of rnd as the first hat. RS of the hat should be facing and you will insert the needle in the first row of purls that you see in the first colour (not the CC trim). There should be a rnd of CC trim purls just above. See photo below.

Be sure you have picked up 156/168/180 sts.

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

Knit in St st for 18-20 cm/7-8" (to match first hat).

Yes, you will have a weird looking tube-sack and everyone will ask you what the heck you are knitting.

Finishing:

Before completing the decs on the second hat, weave in all strands that are loose and close the hole where the beg of the rnd and the trim is.

Rep decs from first hat. Tie off making sure to leave a 15 cm/6" tail.

Secure the yarn with a knot on the RS. Don't worry - it will be hidden if you tie it to a horizontal bar between sts near the top. Do not cut yarn.

Fold the "hats" into each other and tack the two crowns together using the remaining tail and a tapestry needle. Try to secure it by using a few stitches and then simply pull the rem tail in between the layers.

Wet block or lightly spritz and iron press the brim.

