

Felted Waves Hat

For Intermediate knitters

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Abbreviations:

co = cast on

yo = yarn over

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

rep = repeat

st(s) = stitch(es)



Photo taken while snowing therefore white spots.

Yarn: One skein, 250 yards, approximately 100gm, [Mountain Colors 4/8's Wool](#).

Needles: 10 US (6mm) 24 inch circular and double pointed needles

Gauge: 4 stitches and 5 rows to 1 inch in stockinet. As a guide, it is better to have a tighter gauge (more stitches and rows per inch) than a looser gauge to be sure you won't run out of yarn.

This hat is knit from the crown down with all shaping created by yarn overs. Two sizes are given for a Child's (approximately 21 inch circumference) and an Adult's (in parentheses, approximately 22 to 23 inch circumference). The yarn over shaping allows the felted fabric to stretch to accommodate more sizes than might otherwise be possible in a knit felt hat. The Feather and Fan patterning in the brim adds an interesting scalloped edge.

Cast On 10 (11) stitches using 3 double point needles. Arrange on needles as follows: Needle #1 - 2 stitches, #2 - 3(4) stitches, #3 - 4 stitches. Place a row marker in front of the 1st stitch on needle #1 and slip the last stitch of the round behind it so you now have 3 stitches on needle #1 with a marker.

Crown Shaping:

Round #1: knit, being careful not to twist stitches.

Round #2 and all even rounds: knit

Round #3: k1, yo rep around, 20 (22) sts.

Round #5: k2, yo rep around, 30 (33) sts.

Round #7: k3, yo rep around, 40 (44) sts.

Continue in this manner, adding one more knit stitch before the yarn over on every odd row until you've reached (k8, yo) and a total of 90 (99) stitches on round #17. You can change to a 24" circular needle once there are 8 (7) stitches in each repeat on round #15 (13).

Head Section Shaping:

Round #19: (k7, k2tog, yo) rep around. 90 (99) sts with 9 sts in each repeat.

Round #20: k

Repeat these two rounds 18 (20) times.

Headband: k 4 rounds.

Brim Patterning:

Brim Round #1: k1, yo, k2tog 3x, yo, (k1, yo) 2x, rep around, 100 (110) sts with 10 sts in each repeat.

Knit 3 rounds following each pattern round from here on.

Brim Round #5: k2tog 3x, yo, (k1, yo) 4x, repeat around, 120 (132) sts with 12 sts in each repeat.

Brim Round #9: k2tog 3x, yo, (k1, yo) 4x, k2tog, repeat around, 130 (143) sts with 13 sts in each repeat.

Brim Round #13: Move Marker 1 stitch to the right by undoing the last stitch of the last knit round. k2tog 3x, yo, (k1, yo) 5x, k2tog, rep around, 150 (165) sts with 15 sts in each repeat.

Bind Off after knitting 3 rounds. Cut yarn and join to first bound off stitch. Pull cast on tail through the starting crown stitches tightly. Work in yarn tails leaving an inch to be trimmed after felting.

Felting:

Machine wash Medium size load, Hot water wash, Cold water rinse. Add a small squirt (about 1 teaspoon) of liquid dish soap. It usually takes two to three wash cycles but this will vary with machine, hot water heater temperatures, or final size desired. Check frequently during the second cycle as once it starts to felt, it will shrink quickly. Size is determined now. Spin out excess water. Shape by pushing your fist down into the crown and pulling up on the sides. Pull around the scallops of the brim to make them even. Try it on and alter accordingly by pulling or compressing until it fits as desired. Air Dry with the brim flat on a table and Enjoy!