



Chain Rim Qiviut Cap
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This close fitting Qiviut cap is knit as a simple Chain Cable strip that is joined and picked up along the edge to complete as a circular knit cap. The cable holds its shape well and prevents excessive stretching while adding a classic look. Three standard hat sizes are given to fit S-21" (M-22" or L-23") head circumferences.

Yarn: 1.5oz [MOCO Yarns Qiviut](#) Fingering weight, 220yds/oz, double stranded or Sport weight, 146yds/oz, single stranded

Needles: US 6 by 16" circular and double pointed

Accessories: stitch marker and cable needle (or double point needle)

Gauge: approximately 6 stitches and 8 rows to 1 inch in stockinette stitch (24 stitches and 32 rows to 4 inches)

Abbreviations:

k# = Knit number of stitches

p# = Purl number of stitches

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

m1 = make 1 stitch by knitting through the back of the bar between the last stitch knit and the next stitch

c6b = slip 3 stitches purlwise (as if to purl) to cable needle and hold in back of work, knit 3 stitches from left needle, knit 3 stitches from cable needle

c6f = slip 3 stitches purlwise to cable needle and hold in front of work, knit 3 stitches from left needle, knit 3 stitches from cable needle

Chain Cable pattern: 17 stitches and 8 rows

Row 1 and all odd rows: k2, p12, k2, p1

Row 2: k1, p2, c6b, c6f, p2

Row 4: k1, p2, k12, p2

Row 6: k1, p2, c6f, c6b, p2

Row 8: repeat Row 4

Cast On 17 stitches using a long tail or knit cast on. Experienced knitters may choose to use a provisional cast on and graft the ends together once the cable band is completed. Knit 17 (18, 19) full repeats of the Chain Cable pattern ending after Row 8. Try the cable

on around the intended recipient's head and adjust accordingly for a custom fit. Bind off in pattern (or graft and ignore the sewing step). Break yarn. Sew ends together. Knit into the purled edge stitch (not the single knit edge stitch) with right side facing and pick up 100 to 110 stitches. Place marker and join. The number of stitches one picks up is not critical and can be adjusted in the final row before decreasing for the crown. You should pick up approximately 6 stitches for each cable repeat staying close to gauge. Knit circular until piece measures 5.5 to 6.5 inches or desired height from cable edge. The crown decrease rounds add almost 3 inches to the total height though drawn inward. Knit one final round and adjust by decreasing (k2tog) or adding (m1) stitches evenly spaced so you have a number divisible by 10.

Begin crown decrease rounds.

Round 1: k8, k2tog, repeat around

All even rounds: knit

Round 3: k7, k2tog, repeat around

Round 5: k6, k2tog, repeat around

Round 7: k5, k2tog, repeat around

Round 9: k4, k2tog, repeat around

Round 11: k3, k2tog, repeat around

Round 13: k2, k2tog, repeat around

Round 15: k1, k2tog, repeat around

Round 17: k2tog, repeat around

Round 19: k2tog, repeat around

Draw yarn through stitches and pull tight following round 19.

Work in yarn tails.

Hand wash in warm water gently with mild soap or shampoo. Rinse well. Squeeze out excess water gently, do not wring. Shape to fit. Lay flat and air dry. Enjoy the exquisitely soft warmth!

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