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Wavy Feathers Qiviut Cap

This lacy lightweight Qiviut Cap is a variation of traditional Shetland Isles Feather and Fan or Old Shale patterning that Barbara Walker calls "Japanese Feathers". When qiviut is worked into a cap it produces an elegant, stylish covering one can wear day and night that weighs less than one-half ounce yet is warm when needed and breathes so it's cool in warmer environments as well. One size fits most.



Yarn: MOCO 100% Qiviut Fingering weight, one-half ounce, 110 yards.

Needles: US4 (3.5mm), US6 (4mm) 16" circular, and US6 (4mm) double point needles.

Accessories: 1 stitch marker or one for each pattern repeat with 1 contrasting center color if desired.

Gauge: Approximately 20 stitches to 4in/10cm relaxed in stockinet portion of pattern. This will stretch more than you'd expect.

Abbreviations:

k = knit stitch or number of stitches

p = purl stitch or number of stitches

ssk = slip one knit-wise, twice, knit both slipped stitches together

yo = yarn over needle

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

Feathers Pattern: a multiple of 11 stitches and 28 rows

Row 1 and all odd rows: *k10, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 2 and 4: *k10, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 6, 10, and 14: *k1, (yo, k1) 3 times, (ssk) 3 times, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 8 and 12: *k1, (k1, yo) 3 times, (ssk) 3 times, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 16 and 18: Repeat rows 2 and 4.

Rows 20, 24, and 28: *(k2tog) 3 times, (k1, yo) 3 times, k1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 22 and 26: *(k2tog) 3 times, (yo, k1) 3 times, k1, p1; repeat from * around.

Knitting:

With US 6 (4mm) 16" circular needle Cast On 88 stitches. Change to US 4 (3.5mm) 16" circular needle before beginning first round of knitting, this will help keep the cast on loose. Place marker and join being careful not to twist stitches following the first round of knitting.

Work Garter Stitch edging as follows: knit one round, purl one round; repeat these two rows three times. 6 rows total.

Change to US 6 (4mm) 16" circular needle and work Wavy Feathers pattern rows 1-28 a total of one and one half times stopping after row 19, pattern rows total 47.

Shape crown:

Change to double point needles as you work the first decreasing row. Separate stitches on 3 or 4 double point needles following a purl stitch or pattern repeat.

Row 48: *(k2tog) 3 times, k4, p1; repeat from * around. 64sts.

Row 49: *k7, p1; repeat from * around.

Row 50: *(k2tog) 3 times, k1, p1; repeat from * around. 40sts.

Row 51: *k4, p1; repeat from * around.

Row 52: *(k2tog) 2 times, p1; repeat from * around. 24sts.

Row 53: *k2, p1; repeat from * around.

Row 54: k2tog, p1 around. 16sts.

Row 55: k2tog around. 8sts.

Break yarn and pull tail through stitches on needles a couple of times pulling the center tight. Work in the loose yarn tails.

Gently hand wash in warm water using shampoo or very mild soap. Rinse and remove excess water squeezing gently. Try it on to get the size you need and dry flat or on a balloon slightly smaller than the head size desired.

Guaranteed itch-free to feel really good against the skin and so light you'll forget you're wearing it. This pattern is free to use and distribute without changes. Enjoy!