



## Woven

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I saw a hat in a magazine this fall that wouldn't get out of my head, but as a knitter, I just couldn't go out and buy one, could I? So here's Woven. An almost cloche-like shape, some basketweave, and a band gives some personality and shaping to an otherwise basic hat. The weave is fun to knit, and it's a quick project. Use up some of your old DK weight yarn and buttons in time for the fall weather!

Hope you enjoy it.

**Yarn** - Debbie Bliss Merino DK - about 150 yds

**Needles** - US 5s – one pair of 16" circs and one set of DPNs

**Notions** - darning needle, markers, button(s), and needle & thread for sewing on the button(s)

**Sizing** - One size fits most adult heads. (approx. 21" around)

**Gauge** - 5 sts per inch in stocking stitch

### Directions:

Using your circular needle cast on 120 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist.

Continue in stocking stitch for 1".

Purl the next row.

Next row, you'll place markers and begin the cables. I like my join in the back and my pattern in the front, so I knit 40 stitches around, PM, do the section, PM and then knit the last 40 sts around.

### Basketweave Pattern

**3/3 RC = place three stitches on CN, hold in back. Knit 3, knit 3 from CN.**

**3/3 LC = place three stitches on CN, hold in front, Knit 3, knit 3 from CN.**

Row 1 - K40 sts, PM, P2, do six 3/3 RC, P2, PM, K40 sts

Rows 2,3,4,5 – K40, SM, P2, K36, P2, SM, K40

Row 6 – K40, SM, P2, K3, do five 3/3 LC, K3, P2, SM

Rows 7,8,9,10 – K40,SM, P2, K36, P2, SM, K40

Continue in Basketweave for five and a half inches. End on row 2.

Next Row – K40,SM,(k2, k2tog)\*repeat 10 times, SM, K40. You have decreased 10 sts above the cables. This keeps the top of the cables from puffing out as you switch back into stocking stitch. You now have 110 sts.

Knit 3 rows in stocking stitch.

### **Top Decrease**

Row 1 - (K8, K2tog)\* repeat

Row 2 - (K7, K2tog)\*repeat

Row 3 - (K6, K2og)\*repeat

Row 4 – (K5, k2og)\*repeat

Row 5 – (K4, K2tog)\*repeat

And so on, knitting one less st before the K2tog. Your last row should be K2tog all around.

Weave end through loops and pull to close hole. Weave in end.

### **Button Band**

Using 2 DPNs, create a flat i-cord, between 5 and 9 stitches wide. The sample hat has a 7 stitch i-cord, as that size works well with the button I chose. Be sure to test and take a look at your buttons and band, placed over the basketweave. Go with what you think works best for your button size.

**I-cord** - Cast on desired number of stitches. Leave a tail for sewing onto the hat. Knit one row. Do not flip work, but take working yarn from left and move back to the other side behind the work. Knit next row (with working yarn you've moved) beginning with the farthest right stitch. Repeat. Continue until you have about 10". Check on your head that it goes from about ear to ear (since ears aren't all *exactly* in the same places....).

Cast off, leaving a tail for sewing onto the hat.

### **Finishing**

Seam up hem, using purl edge as the fold.

Sew buttons onto band, a quarter inch from the ends.

Position band just above hem seam about 1-1.5" up from edge, centered over basketweave left to right. Sew ends to hat. If your buttons are heavy, you might need a few extra stitches directly to the hat through the band, so the band stays flat to your head.

Weave in strays. You're done!

Thanks for making my pattern! If you're online, email me a photo of your finished hat – I'd love to see it! [theacolman@yahoo.com](mailto:theacolman@yahoo.com) If you see mistakes or problems, please tell me – I'm still new at this part and would like any feedback you have. Just send me a comment on my blog <http://www.babycocktails.blogspot.com> or use the email above:

