



Cabled

Ok, I know it's one more variation on the theme, but when I started this whole hemmed, banded hat tangent, THIS is what I planned on making. Woven and Babycables are versions of the original. Fun tangents, but I still had the desire to wear the cabled version, so I made this one too.

I figure since the pattern is almost already written, why not post all three? So, without further ado, here's the original. Cables, a band, a hemmed edge, and cool buttons. What could be bad? Hope you enjoy it.



Yarn – Sublime Extra Fine Merino DK in Alabaster. 1.5 skeins (about 175 yds)

Needles - US 6s – 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. (This hat is not too snug. If you'd like it to be, cast on 110.)
Join, being careful not to twist. Continue in stocking stitch for 1”. Purl the next row.

Next, you'll place markers and begin the cables. I like my join in the back and my pattern in the front, so I PM at the join, knit 37 (32) stitches, PM, knit the 45 stitches in pattern, PM, and then knit the last 38 (33) sts.

Cable Pattern

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

Row 1 (set up row) –

K37 (32) sts, PM, P2, 3/3 RC, P1, 3/3 RC, P1, 3/3RC, P1, 3/3RC, P1, 3/3 RC, P1, 3/3RC, P2, PM, K38 (33) sts

Rows 2,3,4,5,6 – knit to marker, SM, knit the next 45 as set up, SM, knit remaining sts

Continue in Cable pattern for five and a half inches (6 cable repeats). End with row 2. You are about to decrease, so check the hat on your head and make sure you like how long it will be over your ears. This length works for me, but if you want another cable repeat, go for it.

Then.....

Next Row – K to marker, SM, P2, K1, (K2, K2tog 10 times) P2, SM, knit remaining sts

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 (100) sts. Remove markers on cable section and knit 4 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 cable. 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 you like where the buttons lay. These buttons stick out a little, so the band is long enough to end behind the ears (13"). On Woven, I used one button and liked it closer to my face. That band is about 10". Look in the mirror with the band and buttons placed so **you** like them and adjust your length accordingly. It's not an exact science, since ears, buttons, and personal taste vary depending on the owner!

Cast off when you are happy with the length, 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 cable 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. I also added a few reinforcement stitches under the cable to the band at the center, so it stays in place.

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 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:

