



Stashy Hat

Super simple, very soft and textured. I wanted something kind of Ali Mc Graw looking – a fitted beanie that would go down over the ears and let some hair peek out the top.

I've made it twice so far – once out of Ultra Alpaca and once out of Cashmerino – the sizing on both ended up pretty much the same, so I'm thinking it could work with many soft DK to worsted yarns that live in a stash – as long as you have about 150 yds of it!



Yarn – Debbie Bliss Cashmerino DK or Berrocco Ultra Alpaca

Needles – 16" circls, 7 & 8 and one pair of 8 DPNs

Notions - darning needle, stitch marker

Sizing – finished hat flat, off a head = 18" around

Gauge – about 5 st to 1" in texture on 8s/4.5 sts in rib on 7s

Directions:

Using size 7 circular needle cast on 80 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist. Work 1.5 inches of K1, P1 ribbing.

Begin texture pattern on #8s. It's seed stitch, but with two rows the same before breaking the rib and switching.

Texture Pattern

Row 1 – K1, P1

Row 2 – K1, P1

Row 3 – P1, K1

Row 4 – P1, K1

Work this pattern until you are 6" from cast on edge. Next, you'll decrease.

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Top Decrease

The remainder of the hat will continue in the texture stitch with knit stitches from the evenly spaced K2togs creating the “star” pattern.

Row 1 – Work 8 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 2 – Work 7 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 3 – Work 6 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 4 – Work 5 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 5 – Work 4 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 6 – Work 3 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 7 – Work 2 sts in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 8 – Work 1 st in texture pattern, K2tog

Row 9 – K2tog all around

Break yarn, leaving a tail. Using darning needle, thread tail through the remaining loops and pull gently to close hole. Weave in ends.



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 have any questions or problems with the pattern, send me a comment on my blog: <http://babycocktails.blogspot.com>.

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