

BEANPOLE BEANIE



I live in the Windy City, so when I need a hat, the hat needs to mean business. I find the gauge on most hat patterns to be too loosey-goosey, and I end up with an earache as a result. So I've gotten myself into the habit of automatically going up a yarn weight on most hat patterns. That won't be necessary here. This pattern was written with a gauge of steel. The recommended gauge on Cashmerino Chunky is 3.5 stitches per inch on US 10.5 needles, but I knit this hat on size 7 needles to obtain a gauge of 5.25 stitches per inch. This produces a windproof, but not at all stiff fabric. If you prefer to use a yarn a little closer to standard gauge, substitute a worsted weight yarn.

Materials:

- 3 skeins of Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Chunky (shown in shade 28). The hat shown only needed a small amount of the third ball (total yardage roughly 165 yards). If you're making yours smaller, you might only need two balls, but don't blame me if you run out!
- 16" size 5 circular needles for cabled ribbing or size needed to achieve a snug band around your head
- 16" size 7 circular needles for main part of hat (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Size 7 dpns or long circular for magic loop method (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Size 3 dpns for i-cord (the exact size isn't crucial here, just something significantly smaller than your main needle size)
- 1 stitch marker to mark beginning of round
- 1 tapestry needle to weave in ends

Size: Shown on my nearly 23" head, knit to a 6" depth before the decreases. (Yep, that's big.) To adjust size, you may deduct stitches in 8-stitch increments and knit to a shorter depth. The crown decreases add an additional 2.75 inches to the top center of the head (or 5.5 inches all the way across) when knit at a row gauge of 26.5 rows per 4 inches.

Gauge: 21 sts/4 inches in stockinette stitch

Stitch Glossary:

C2B: Work as if to K2tog but don't pull the original stitches off of the left needle. Re-insert the right needle into the right stitch of the k2tog and knit this stitch, and then pull both of the original stitches off the needle in the process.

MB: Into next stitch: k1, p1, k1, p1, turn, k4, turn, sl stitch purlwise, p3tog, pssso

skp: Slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

Directions:

Using a 16" size 5 circular, CO 96 sts and join in the round, placing a stitch marker at the beginning of the round. Work in cabled rib pattern as follows:

Round 1: (K2, P2)* repeat

Round 2: (K2, P2)* repeat

Round 3: (C2B, P2)* repeat (see stitch glossary above)

Round 4: (K2, P2)* repeat

Repeat these 4 rounds 2 more times.

Switch to size 7 needles and begin increases:

Round 13: (K8, M1)* repeat

Round 14: Knit

Round 15: (K9, M1)* repeat

Round 16 (Begin bobble and eyelet pattern): k6, yo, skp, k2, MB (see stitch glossary above), knit to end of round

Round 17: k11, M1, k9, M1, (k10, M1)* repeat (End of increases: 132 sts on the needle)

Round 18: k8, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 19 (and every odd round to come): knit

Round 20: k10, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 22: k9, MB, k2, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 24: k7, MB, k2, k2tog, yo, k2, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 26: k5, MB, k2, k2tog, yo, k6, yo, skp, knit to end of round

Round 28: k3, MB, k2, k2tog, yo, knit to end of round

Round 30: k1, MB, k2, k2tog, yo, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 32: k2, k2tog, yo, k2, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Round 34: k8, yo, skp, k2, MB, knit to end of round

Knit in stockinette stitch until hat measures 6" (or desired length).

Begin decreases (change to dpns or magic loop method when needed):

Round 1: (k10, k2tog)* repeat

Round 2: knit

Round 3: (k9, k2tog)* repeat

Round 4: knit

Round 5: (k8, k2tog)* repeat

Round 6: knit

Round 7: (k7, k2tog)* repeat

(now decrease every row instead of every other row)

Round 8: (k6, k2tog)* repeat
Round 9: (k5, k2tog)* repeat
Round 10: (k4, k2tog)* repeat
Round 11: (k3, k2tog)* repeat
Round 12: (k2, k2tog)* repeat
Round 13: (k1, k2tog)* repeat
Round 14: (k2tog)* repeat (11 stitches)
Round 15: (k2tog)* repeat, k1 (6 stitches)
Round 16: (k2tog)* repeat (3 stitches)

Put last 3 stitches on a size 3 (or thereabouts) dpn. Knit 3 rows of i-cord.. On row 4, slip 2 stitches together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over. Cut yarn, thread it through a tapestry needle, and pull it through the last stitch. Weave in ends.



If you have any problems with the pattern, feel free to email me at cerebralhem@gmail.com.
Enjoy!