

Slouch Hat

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When I was a child I always wanted asymmetrical things. I remember my mother explaining to me that one braid and one ponytail was not what people do; she may have been right, but I made this hat slightly asymmetrical anyway.

Difficulty

Easy

Size

M[L] (shown in size L)

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Finished measurements

20 inches (50cm) [24 inches (61cm)] slightly stretched

Materials

122 yards [112m] Bouclé yarn

Note: I used 2 skeins of Emu

Florentine [51% Wool, 44%

Acrylic, 5% Nylon]; 61 yards [56 m]

per skein. The ribs may show much more if knit with a different yarn.



1 set US #9/5.5mm straight needles

Gauge

12 sts / 14 rows to 4 inches [10cm]

Abbreviations

See <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html>

Short Row Turning (Yarn Over Method):

When short rows are turned in this pattern, the directions will read as follows:

K(number of sts), turn.

This means:

Work number of specified sts, turn work to begin working back in the other direction, bring yarn over right needle to back of work, forming a yo (yarn over); you are ready to knit the next row.

When you reach this turning point while working a subsequent row, work as follows:

Knit to the yo, then knit the yo together with the following stitch. This will close the hole that would otherwise be formed by the short row.

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Pattern

CO 58[70] sts.

Row 1: *k2, p2* rep bet * to 2 sts before end, k2.

Row 2: *p2, k2* rep bet * to 2 sts before end, p2.

Repeat the last 2 rows until piece measures 2 inches [5cm], end on a WS.

While continuing in pattern, work the following:

1st short row: work 56[68] sts, turn.

2nd short row: work 46[54] sts, turn.

3rd short row: work 42[50] sts.

4th short row: work 38[46] sts, turn.

5th short row: work 34[42] sts.

6th short row: 30[38] sts.

7th short row: 26[34] sts.

8th short row: 22[30] sts.

9th short row: 18[26] sts.

10th short row: 14[22] sts.

Work even until piece measures 5 inches (13cm)[6 inches (15cm)].

1st decrease row (RS): *k2, p2tog,* rep until 2 before end, k2.

Work as established until piece measures 5.5 inches (14cm)[6.5 inches(16cm)].

2nd decrease row (RS): k2, *k2tog, k1*, repeat between * until 1 st before end, k1.

Next row: p.

3rd decrease row (RS): k2tog, repeat until end.

Cut yarn, draw end through rem sts.

Finishing

Using mattress stitch, sew seam. Weave in ends.

About the designer

Sarah continues to knit whenever she can. She hopes you do too.

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