

# 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:

1<sup>st</sup> short row: work 56[68] sts, turn.

2<sup>nd</sup> short row: work 46[54] sts, turn.

3<sup>rd</sup> short row: work 42[50] sts.

4<sup>th</sup> short row: work 38[46] sts, turn.

5<sup>th</sup> short row: work 34[42] sts.

6<sup>th</sup> short row: 30[38] sts.

7<sup>th</sup> short row: 26[34] sts.

8<sup>th</sup> short row: 22[30] sts.

9<sup>th</sup> short row: 18[26] sts.

10<sup>th</sup> short row: 14[22] sts.

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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)].

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

Next row: p.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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