

THE OPIE HAT

A Weaverknits pattern

A slouchy hat inspired by Bad Ass Bikers!



While watching the series “Sons of Anarchy” on TV this fall, I was taken with a slouchy black hat that was a staple of one of the biker’s wardrobes and have named it in his honor.

Note that it is appropriate for bikers of the non-motorized type as well.

Sizes:

Slouchy and big on 22” (20”) head, shown in big 22” head version.

Supplies:

One hank of Malabrigo laceweight yarn in Black (held double)
One set of US #4 (3.5 mm) 16” circular needles (or size to obtain gauge)
One set of US #4 (3.5 mm) double-pointed needles
8 (7) stitch markers
Needle for weaving in ends

Gauge:

26 stitches/4” in stockinette stitch
Row gauge is not important

Instructions:

Cast on 144 (128) stitches using US #4 (3.5 mm) 16” circular needle and yarn held doubled. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Work in k2, p2 rib until hat measures 8" (20.5 cm) from the beginning. On the next round, place a marker after each 16 stitches (you have now divided the stitches into 9 (8) groups).

On the next round, and every other round after that, ssk the 2 stitches immediately after each marker and work the rest of the stitches in the group according to the established pattern.

When you have 10 stitches in each group, work the ssk decreases every round.

When there are 2 stitches in each group (for a total of 18 (16) stitches), break yarn and draw tightly through the remaining stitches. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Get on your bike and go!

By the way, if you give this hat away you will never get it back. That Malabrigo lace is soft as a very old t-shirt.