

Erich's A&F Knockoff Hat

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My brother Erich has a skull cap from Abercrombie & Fitch that I'm sure cost a small fortune ... for a hat, anyway. I saw him recently, and being the knitter that I am, I inspected the hat and said, "Hmph. I could make that!!" After all, I'd rather take his money than see him give it away to A&F. So he says, "Okay then, I want a gray one." Your wish is my command, baby brother. And I'll even do it for free!

What you need:

Yarn: Plymouth Encore Mega (less than 1 skein)

Gauge: 2 sts = 1 in (stockinette stitch)

Needles: Size 15 US (10.0 mm) — I used two 24" Addi Turbo circulars. They work best for knitting in the round on 2 circular needles.



This is me modeling the hat, right after it came off the needles. Please pardon my gigantic face with no make-up; that was me trying to be "artsy." 😊

What to do:

1. Cast on 40 stitches (or whatever number is appropriate for your yarn and needles).

Note: You may wish to adjust hat size by adjusting the number of cast-on stitches (in multiples of 4) and/or adjusting needle size.

2. Knit 2 x 2 ribbing for about 8 inches, depending on how much coverage you want on your ears or whether you want a fold-up brim/cuff.

3. Decrease as follows:

- K2tog, P2tog all the way around
- K1, P1 all around
- K2tog all around

4. Finish off:

- Cut yarn, leaving 12 inch tail. Using tapestry needle, thread through the remaining 10 stitches, pull tight and weave in ends.