

Pillsbury

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Lake Pillsbury is a manmade lake located in the Mendocino National Forest. As a kid, my mom would load my sister and me in the car and we'd drive to the lake for camping, kayaking, and swimming. It's a favorite haunt for locals and if you're lucky you get to see the amazing Tule elk herd grazing in the grassy fields surrounding the lake. The Pillsbury hat is the perfect project for fireside camping and will keep your head protected from those blustery days at the lake.



Materials:

- 2 skeins Mountaintop Crestone by Classic Elite (100% naturally undyed wool; 100 yards) Shown in color 5103 or 1 skein Dream in Color Classy (100% merino; 250 yards) Shown in Blue Lagoon
- US #6 (4 mm) 16 inch circular
- US #7 (4.5 mm) 16 inch circular
- US #7 (4.5 mm) double pointed needles
- Stitch marker

Gauge: 5 sts/inch in stockinette stitch on larger needles

Size: average adult; fits comfortably on a 22-24" head

Abbreviations:

K- knit

P – purl

2/2FC – slip two stitches to cable needle and hold in front, knit 2, knit 2 stitches from cable needle

M1 (make 1) – Using the left hand needle, pick up the bar in-between the stitches from front to back and knit it through the back loop.

K2tog: Knit two stitches together as if they are one



Pattern:

Using smaller needles cast on 88 stitches. Place marker and join to work in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Work in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing until piece measures 2 inches from the cast on.

Set-up round: With larger needles (K44, m1) twice. 90 stitches.

Rounds 1-4: Knit.

Round 5: (P2, k4) around.

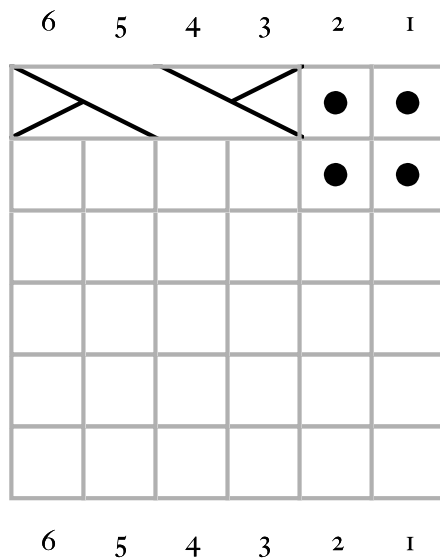
Round 6: (P2, 2/2FC) around.

Continue in pattern until hat measures 7 inches from cast on, or desired length, ending after row 6. The hat is now worked in stockinette stitch. Begin decreases, switching to double pointed needles when necessary.

Round 1: (Knit 8, k2tog) around.
 Round 2 and all even rounds: Knit.
 Round 3: (Knit 7, k2tog) around.
 Round 5: (Knit 6, k2tog) around.
 Round 7: (Knit 5, k2tog) around.
 Round 9: (Knit 4, k2tog) around.
 Round 11: (Knit 3, k2tog) around.
 Round 13: (Knit 2, k2tog) around.
 Round 15: (Knit 1, k2tog) around.
 Round 17: (K2tog) around.

Break the yarn and pull through the remaining stitches. Weave in ends and block as desired.

Pillsbury Chart



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