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wharfie cap

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xxx WHARFIE HANDSPUN CAP PATTERN xxx

The wharfie handspun cap pattern will have you spinning your very own chunky 2-ply yarn to make a warm, woolly cap. This handspun is easy for beginner spinners, who shouldn't be too concerned with a little bit of variation in their yarn thickness. A touch of thick and thin to your handspun will add to the character of this easy to knit classic ribbed hat.



GLOSSARY

1x1 rib: *K1, P1*. On following rows knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

2-ply: two singles plied together to create balanced yarn.

CC: (contrast color) sample shown in lagoon

CDD: (center double decrease) slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit 1 st, pass both slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

Italian tubular cast on: a stretchy cast on that is perfect for 1x1 ribbing. a great video tutorial can be found here:
<http://tinyurl.com/italian-cast-on>

MC: (main color) sample shown in natural light grey

ply: taking multiple singles and twisting them together to create a balanced yarn.

singles: a single strand of spun fiber--unplied yarn.

wpi: wraps per inch. used to determine the knitting weight of your yarn. Using a wpi tool or a flat ruler, wrap your yarn or singles around from 0 to the 1 inch mark. For a 14 wpi single, there should be 14 wraps in one inch.

SPINNING YOUR YARN:

You will be making a 2-ply "barberpole" chunky yarn. Each single will be spun at 14 wpi for a final 2-ply yarn of 7 wpi.

For optional contrast edging: The hat has a solid edge in the CC, so you will spin 3 or 4 yards (3 grams) of contrast color onto the end of your MC single. If you will be plying directly from your bobbins, spin the CC at the *end* of your MC single. If you will be plying from two center-pull balls, spin the CC at the *beginning* of your MC single.

Ply your two singles, starting with the two CC ends together. You should have approximately 100 yards of chunky yarn.



THIS CLASSIC MARLED WATCH CAP IS KNIT WITH HANDSPUN YARN

CAST ON:

Using the solid end of your yarn, cast on 60sts onto your 16" circular. My preferred method is the Italian tubular cast on.

**For commercial yarn, hold two strands of your CC together while working your cast on.

HAT:

Join in the round. Place a beginning of round marker before your first knit stitch.

Work in 1x1 rib for 8 inches.

**For commercial yarn, work one row of 1x1 rib, then cut one strand of your CC, and join a strand of MC. Continue holding one strand of each color together for the rest of the pattern.

CROWN DECREASE:

In the following rounds, continue to K the knit sts and P the purl sts as you work the crown decrease section. Switch to your double pointed needles when needed.

Rnd 1: Work 3 sts, CDD *work 7sts, CDD* rpt to last 4 sts, work to marker. (48sts)

Rnd 2: Work one round.

Rnd 3: Work 2 sts, CDD *work 5sts, CDD* rpt to last 3 sts, work to marker. (36sts)

Rnd 4: Work one round.

Rnd 5: Work 1 st, CDD *work 3sts, CDD* rpt to last 2 sts, work to marker. (24sts)

Rnd 6: Work one round.

Rnd 7: CDD *work 1 st, CDD* rpt to last 1 st, work to marker. (12sts)

Rnd 8: *K1, CDD* to end. (6sts)

Leaving a 9" tail, break yarn and draw through remaining stitches. Weave in ends.

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Your own handspun yarn gives this unisex hat a rustic charm. **See below for commercial yarn version.

The classic marled watch cap looks great on everyone. Fold up the brim to keep those ears warm while working or playing outdoors on cold windy days, or wear it pulled down for a little more neck protection. This no-nonsense cap is all about function, but not to worry--when you wear it you'll be lookin' darn good.

**To make this hat from commercial yarn you will hold two strands (two colors) of sport weight yarn together. This will give the marled look of a handspun "barberpole" yarn.



MARLED HANDSPUN WHARFIE CAP WITH CONTRAST EDGE

MATERIALS Handspun version:

2.5 ounces each of two colors of Corriedale wool (sample shown in main color (MC): *Natural Light Gray* and contrast color (CC): *Lagoon*)

Commercial yarn version:

100 yds each of two colors of a wooly sport weight yarn (a good option is Cascade Sport in colors (MC): *Blue Velvet* and (CC): *Silver Grey*)

NEEDLES & SUCH Handspun version:

spinning wheel or drop spindle
wraps per inch tool or flat yardstick/ruler

Both versions:

size US 9 (5mm) 16" circulars
size US 9 (5mm) double pointed needles (DPNs)
tapestry needle
stitch marker

GAUGE 13 sts & 20 rows = 4" in 1x1 rib stitch

FINISHED SIZE 18.5" in circumference & 10" from brim to crown