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## The Natural

A Splendor Pattern by Homero Luna

This very-simple hat is a great introduction to cabling, since the pattern used in it is just about the simplest cable pattern there is!

**Gauge:** 5 sts in stockinette stitch in the round = 1", unblocked

**Materials Needed:**

- Jamieson's Shetland Heather 100% Pure Shetland Wool in color 126 Charcoal, 2 balls
- Size US7 (or whatever size is appropriate for gauge and yarn) needles of the type you prefer for knitting small circumferences in the round.
- Stitch Marker
- Cable needle
- Tapestry needle

**Size:** The Unstretched circumference is approximately 14", but it stretches to comfortably fit my 24" head. The forgiveness of the ribbing means that it will comfortably fit a range of head sizes. As written, the hat is about 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" long, from brim to crown. If you'd like a shorter/smaller hat, you can omit one cable interval and begin the crown shaping after the 3<sup>rd</sup> cable repeat. This will take about 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" off the length.



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### Abbreviations:

C7B: sl 3 sts onto CN & hold in back, K3, P1, then K3 from CN

C5B: sl 2 sts onto CN & hold in back, K2, P1, then K2 from CN

C3B: sl 1 st onto CN & hold in back, K1, P1, then K1 from CN

### Make it!

CO 104 sts, PM & join to knit in the round, taking care not to twist your sts.

**Rows 1-15:** \*K2, P2, K3, P1, K3, P2\*, repeat around.

**Row 16:** \*K2, P2, C7B, P2\*, repeat around.

**Rows 17-24:** work as rows 1-15

**Row 25:** work as row 16

Work rows 17-25 two more times for a total of four cable row repetitions.

After 4<sup>th</sup> repeat of cable row, Begin **crown shaping**.

### Crown Shaping:

- \*K2Tog, P2, K3, P1, K3, P2\*, repeat around
- P3, \*K3, P1, K3, P5\*, repeat to last 9 sts, then K3, P1, K3, P2
- P2 \*SSK, K2, P1, K2, K2Tog, P3\*, repeat to last 10 sts, then SSK, K2, P1, K2, K2Tog, P1

- P2 \*K3, P1, K3, P3\* to last 8 sts, \*K3, P1\* to end.
- \*P2Tog, K3, P1, K3, P1\*, repeat around
- \*P1, K3, P1, K3, P1\* around
- \*P1, K1, K2Tog, P1, SSK, K1, P1\* around
- \*P1, C5B, P1\* around
- \*P1, K2, P1, K2, P1\* around, but don't work the last stitch. When you get to the last stitch of this round, sl st to R needle, remove marker, sl st back to L needle, replace mrker, then:
- \*P2Tog, K2, P1, K2\*, repeat around
- \*P1, K2\*, repeat around
- \*P1, K2Tog\*, repeat around
- \*P1, K1\*, repeat around
- \*P1, C3B\*, repeat around
- \*P1, K1\*, repeat around

**Finishing:** break yarn, leaving 10" tail, with a tapestry needle, thread this through the remaining sts, pull tight and bring needle through the center of these sts into the inside of the hat. Weave in ends, block, lay flat to dry.