



Kameleon Tail Beanie

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Size

Small (Medium, Large)
20 (21.5, 23) inches/ 51 (54.5, 58.5) cm
around

Yarn

Malabrigo Chunky (100% Merino Wool, 104
yards/95 meters per skein) color 157
Amoroso; 1 skein

Materials

- Needles: 16 inch US #10.5/6.5mm circular
needle and double points,
OR size to get gauge.
- Stitch marker (1)
- Tapestry needle.

Gauge

11 sts/4.5 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

This cute, simple beanie knits up quickly from a single skein of bulky weight and is great for showcasing the colorways of hand-dyed yarns.

Abbreviations

CO: cast on
BO: bind off
Sts: stitches
Rnd: round
K: knit
P: purl
K2tog: knit 2 together
* ... * : repeat between **

Level

Beginner-Intermediate: Knitting in the round, decreasing, and i-cord.

Notes

I-cord: Using two double-pointed needles, knit all three stitches, then without turning your work, put the needle with the stitches back in your left hand,

slide the stitches to the right-hand side of the left needle. Pull the yarn to tighten it across the back of the stitches and knit the row again.

Continue in this manner; bind off when the cord is the desired length.

Directions

CO 56 (60, 64) sts with long tail cast on. Join into round, being careful not to twist.

Work *K2, p2* around for 1" or desired length.

K around until hat measures 4.5" (4.75", 5") from cast on edge.

Shape crown

Size Medium only:

Rnd 1: *K8, k2tog*. [6 sts decreased, 54 sts total]

Rnd 2: K.

Rnd 3: *K7, k2tog*. [6 sts decreased, 48 sts total]

Continue to All Sizes.

Sizes Small and Large only:

Rnds 1, 2, 3: K.

Continue to All Sizes.

All Sizes:

Total stitches at start of round is 56 (48, 64). Each round you are decreasing 7 (6, 8) sts.

Rnd 4: *K6, k2tog*. [49 (42, 56) sts]

Rnd 5: K.

Rnd 6: *K5, k2tog*. [42 (36, 48) sts]

Rnd 7: *K4, k2tog*. [35 (30, 40) sts]

Rnd 8: K.

Rnd 9: *K3, k2tog*. [28 (24, 32) sts]

Rnd 10: K.

Rnd 11: *K2, k2tog*. [21 (18, 24) sts]

Rnd 12: *K1, k2tog*. [14 (12, 16) sts]

Rnd 13: k2tog around. [7 (6, 8) sts]

Rnd 14: k2tog 2 (3, 4) times, k 1 (0, 0). [3 (3, 4) sts]

Size Large Only: K2, k2tog.

Tail

Work i-cord for 3.5" or desired length. BO.

Finishing

Curl the length of the i-cord into the shape of your kameleon tail and sew into place with a tapestry needle. Weave in all ends. Block if desired.



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