Your Basic Hat

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Here's a quick and easy hat pattern that you'll go back to time after time because not only is it unisex (a slouchy feminine hat, or masculine folded over hat), it can serve as a blank canvas for a textured stitch pattern or color-work that you may want to add to the hat body. It's a classic.

Materials:

→ 185 yds of Aran/10ply (8 wpi) weight yarn (seen in Lion Brand Wool-Ease Heathers yarn)

→ Size US 9 (5.5 mm) needle options: (1) 40'' circular needle (if using Magic Loop Method), or (1) 16'' circular needle, and/or a set of 5 dpns

→ 1 darning needle and 1 stitch marker

Gauge: 18 sts and 13 rows= 2''

Measurements: Hat Length= 11''   Hat Width= 9''

Abbreviations: k=knit   P=purl   DPNS= doubled pointed needles   Rd=rd   St(s)= stitch(es) k2tog= knit 2 sts together

To Begin:

CO 88 sts onto size US 9 (5.5 mm) needle(s). Divide sts evenly across needles, if using dpns. Join the rd, being careful to not twist any sts. Use a st marker at beginning of rd and slide it every time you come to it.

Knit a 2x2 rib (*k2, p2* across the rd, every rd) for 3.''

Hat Body:

Knit straight across the rd for 5.5'' or until hat measures 8.5'' total.

Crown Decreases: repeat *to*

If you are using a 16'' circular needle, you will need to switch to dpns at around Rd 7.

Rd1: *k8, k2tog*   (80 sts.)
Rd 2 and all even rds: knit straight across.
Rd 3: *k7, k2tog*   (72 sts.)
Rd 5: *k6, k2tog*   (64 sts.)
Rd 7: *k5, k2tog*   (56 sts.)
Rd 9: *k4, k2tog*   (48 sts.)
Rd 11: *k3, k2tog*   (40 sts.)
Rd 13: *k2, k2tog*   (32 sts.)
Rd 15: *k1, k2tog*   (24 sts.)
Rd 17: *k2tog*   (12 sts.)   Using a darning needle, pull yarn through all remaining sts. Secure with a knot. Weave in all yarn ends.

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