

# Persimmon Heather Hat

Designed by Lucia Light

- **Finished size:** men's medium
- **Needles:** Size 1 (2.5 mm), 1 or 2 circulars
- **Yarn:** Knit Picks (color: Persimmon Heather) Wool of the Andes (2 skeins), worsted weight
- **Extras:** 1 stitch marker, tapestry needle, 11 cm wide piece of cardboard for making a tassel
- **Gauge/tension:** 7 sts x 10 rows per 1 inch in stockinette



This *Persimmon Heather Hat* was designed to be warm – so the stitch pattern chosen is the one that has volume in it. At the same time it is very simple – just repeated combination of knits and purls. If you need extra warmth you can back up the inside of the hat with a band of fleece, as I made it for my husband.



## Stitch pattern:

					5	- knit o - purl
				o	4	
			o	o	3	
		o	o	o	2	
	o	o	o	o	1	
1	2	3	4	5		

**Directions:**

Cast on 150 stitches, join in a round. Mark the beginning of a row with stitch marker. Make sure not to twist.

*Ribbing:*

Knit in 1x1 ribbing for 5 rows.

*Main body of the hat:*

Switch to the stitch pattern shown above. You should have 30 horizontal repetitions of the motif. Continue with the stitch pattern for 65 rows. You should get 13 vertical repetitions of the motif.

*Decreasing:*

Switch to stockinette stitch and start decreasing 1 stitch (k2tog) every 15 stitches. One way of doing it is to choose, e.g. stitch #3 in the stitch pattern and decrease (k2tog) at it every third motif. This way you do not need to mark every point of decrease with stitch marker, and do not need to count stitches. Continue decreasing in this manner every round for 12 rounds.

*Binding off:*

Purl 1 stitch,\* slip back on left needle, purl 2 together. Repeat from \*.

*Making a cord:*

Take a piece of yarn approximately 48-50 cm long. Fold it in half. Holding tight loose ends of the yarn with one hand put your finger into the loop at the opposite end. Start twisting using your finger in the loop and keeping the tension of the yarn between your hands. Twist until when yarn folded on itself once more in half twists on its own into a nice cord. This will give you a cord which is eight strands thick.

*Making a Tassel:*

There are several methods of making a Tassel. I tried several ones, and liked the one that follows.

Take a piece of cardboard 11cm wide. Wind yarn around it approximately 12 times or until desired fullness. Take a piece of the same yarn and using tapestry needle slip it through the centre of the yarn wound around piece of cardboard, close to one edge of the cardboard. Knot it tightly using square knot. Leave loose ends for now. This will be the top of the tassel.

Cut the yarn wound around the cardboard at the opposite edge of the cardboard. This will be the bottom of the tassel.

Take another piece of the same yarn and make the thread encircle the tassel approximately 2 cm from the top of the tassel. Knot again tightly using square knot. Using tapestry needle thread the 2 loose ends of this piece of yarn down the tassel at the newly formed neck of it.

#### *Connecting tassel with the cord:*

Using tapestry needle thread one loose end of the yarn at the top of the tassel through the loop at the end of the cord. Knot tightly using square not.

Using once more tapestry needle thread down both remaining loose ends of the yarn at the top of the tassel through the center of it.

Trim the tassel at the bottom if yarn strands are uneven.

#### *Finishing the **Persimmon Heather Hat**:*

Using tapestry needle and another piece of the same yarn connect the cord & tassel with the hat picking up the hat at the points where decreases were made. Tighten the thread, make a knot, and weave in the end.