

"A Mighty Good Yarn" Designs

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Reasonably Hip

I created this hat for my significant other, who was once described as "reasonably hip" by our local newsmag. You can wear it cocked to the side, or straight forward like a baseball player. A single-color yarn choice makes it cool but not flashy, nifty but not crazy.

All in all? It's reasonably hip.

This hat is also a great pattern for beginners who want to bump it up a notch, or for more seasoned knitters looking for a fun, portable project. The body of the hat calls for seed stitch with a garter stitch edge. The visor consists of a "pouch" of 2x2 ribbing on top and stockinette underneath, with an insert of plastic canvas (available at embroidery stores or craft chains) to hold the shape. I used short rows on the bottom edge of the hat and also on the visor to make sure the visor curves over the face.

I intentionally created this hat to fit a little on the loose side for the average and reasonably hip adult head, whether male or female. Don't be alarmed if it covers the tops of your ears! Trust me: you look great.

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Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Materials needed:

Plymouth Yarn Encore [75% acrylic, 25% wool; 200 yards (180 m) per 100g skein] color: 045; 1 skein

1 set US #7 (4.5mm) dpn, or two circular needles

tapestry needle

one sheet Quick Count Plastic Canvas or other suitable material for brim

safety pin or removable stitch marker

Sizes:

One size fits most. Finished circumference measures 19 inches (48.5 cm) unstretched.

Gauge:

15 sts = 4 in (10 cm) in seed stitch.

Stitch instructions

Seed stitch: (worked in round over odd number of sts)

Round 1: *k1, p1* to end.

Round 2: *p1, k1* to end.

Basic 2x2 rib: (over a multiple of 4 sts)

Every row: *k2, p2* to end.

(If over a non-multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1: *k2, p2* to end.

Row 2: k all knit sts, p all purl sts.

Short rows:

As directed, work in the round or along a row until directed to turn. Slip one stitch from the left needle to the right. Pull the yarn over, and slip that stitch back to the left needle.

Now move the yarn back over, turn your work, and proceed. I have used the abbreviation "w&t" to indicate the end of a short row.



Pattern:

Body of hat

CO 63 sts.

Join, k 1 rnd.

Begin short rows in garter stitch:

Row 1: k35, w&t.

Row 2: k36, w&t.

Row 3: k37, w&t.
 Row 4: k39, w&t.
 Row 5: k41, w&t.
 Row 6: k43, w&t.
 Row 7: k45, w&t.
 Row 8: k47, w&t.
 Row 9: k49, w&t.
 Row 10: k51, w&t.
 Row 11: k53, w&t.
 Row 12: work in seed st for 56 sts, w&t.
 Row 13: work in seed st for 59 sts, w&t.
End short rows. Begin working again in rnd.

Work in seed stitch until hat measures 6 in (15 cm) from CO row. The measurement should be taken from the bottom edge of the hat, where back of the wearer's neck will be.

Begin dec:

Rnd 1: *Seed stitch for 7 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 2: seed stitch (*and alternating rnds*)
 Rnd 3: *seed stitch for 6 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 5: *seed stitch for 5 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 7: *seed stitch for 4 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 9: *seed stitch for 3 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 11: *seed stitch for 2 stitches, then k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 13: *K1, k2tog.* Rep 7 times.
 Rnd 14: k2tog, rep 7 times.
 Thread yard through remaining loops and work end into the hat.

Top of visor

CO 34 sts.

Begin short rows:

Row 1: work 2x2 rib for 24 sts, w&t.
 Row 2: work 2x2 rib for 14 sts, w&t.
 Row 3: work 2x2 rib for 18 sts, w&t.
 Row 4: work 2x2 rib for 22 sts, w&t.

Row 5: work 2x2 rib for 25 sts, w&t
 Row 6: work 2x2 rib for 28 sts, w&t.
 Row 7: work 2x2 rib for 31 sts.

End short rows.

Continue 2x2 rib for 4 rows.

BO all sts in pattern. Leave a generous tail to sew visor to hat.

Bottom of visor

Pick up middle 14 sts of front edge of visor.

Row 1 [*WS*]: p14, CO 10 sts.

Row 2 [*RS*]: k24, CO 10 sts. You should now have 34 sts with the top half of the visor hanging from your needles.

Begin short rows:

Row 3: p24, w&t.
 Row 4: k18, w&t.
 Row 5: p22, w&t.
 Row 6: k25, w&t.
 Row 7: p28, w&t.
 Row 8: k31.

End short rows.

Work rows 9-12 in St st.

BO all sts.

Finishing

Print the template and use it to cut a visor from a sheet of plastic canvas. Note that when you print the template, it should measure 8 inches by 2 inches (21 cm by 5 cm).

Stretch the top and bottom knitted pieces over the plastic shape, and seam closed around the sides, being careful to cover any jagged bits of the canvas. Finally, sew the visor to the front of the body of the hat. Weave in loose ends.

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Visor Template

