

Tempo's Headcoat

A design by Mona mono, August 2009.

This is a simple yet cool looking brimmed hat, that can be used both as a cap and as a hat. On cold days the ribbed band can be pulled down over the ears for extra warmth! Make sure you make one in a colour you know you get to keep for yourself! *lol*

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If you want to make one for a friend that does not knit - that's fine! =)

Gauge:

Ca. 26 sts / 10 cm and ca. 28 rows / 10 cm on 4mm needles in the k2, p2 rib-pattern..

Materials needed:

- 100 gr./240 m DK weight yarn. I used New Lanark Donegal Silketweed for a large hat and two threads thin wool/fingering weight held together for a medium sized hat.
- 4 DPNS, size 4 mm. 3 med mer DPNS might be needed to attach the brim.
- 4 mm circular needles, 40 cm and 80 cm. 3 mm circular needle, 40 cm.
- Scrap yarn as stitchmarkers and st-holders.
- A plastic brim, cut out of a large plastic bottle.
- Thin elastic thread for the band - optional.
- Patience and lots of yummi chocolate! =)

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

- k = knit - p = purl - R = row - Sts = stitches
- k2t = knit 2 stitches together - p2t = purl 2 stitches together
- kfb 1 = both knit 1 through front of loop and knit 1 through back of loop of the next stitch
- kfpb 1 = both knit 1 through front of loop and purl 1 through back of loop of the next stitch
- pfb 1 = both purl 1 through front of loop and purl one through back of loop of the next stitch
- pfkb 1 = both purl 1 through front of loop and knit 1 through back of loop of the next stitch
- M1 = make 1 stitch by lifting up the thread between the stitches, twist and knit it through back of loop
- wt = wrap the stitch by taking the yarn in between the needles to the front, slip the next stitch knitwise off the left needle, take the yarn in between the needles to the back and turn.



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Step 1 - Making The Plastic Brim

Use the template on the last page to make a curved plastic brim. Choose the size of brim you want, transfer it to a piece of baking paper if you don't want to cut in the pattern. I have only used large plastic bottles to make the brim, but it's possible that plastic canvas will work fine. Tape the baking paper on the plastic bottle and use a marker to draw off the shape of the brim. Use a sharp knife/scissors to cut out the plastic brim. If you use a plastic bottle, you must bend it till you like the shape. I have used black duck tape around the edges to make them less sharp.



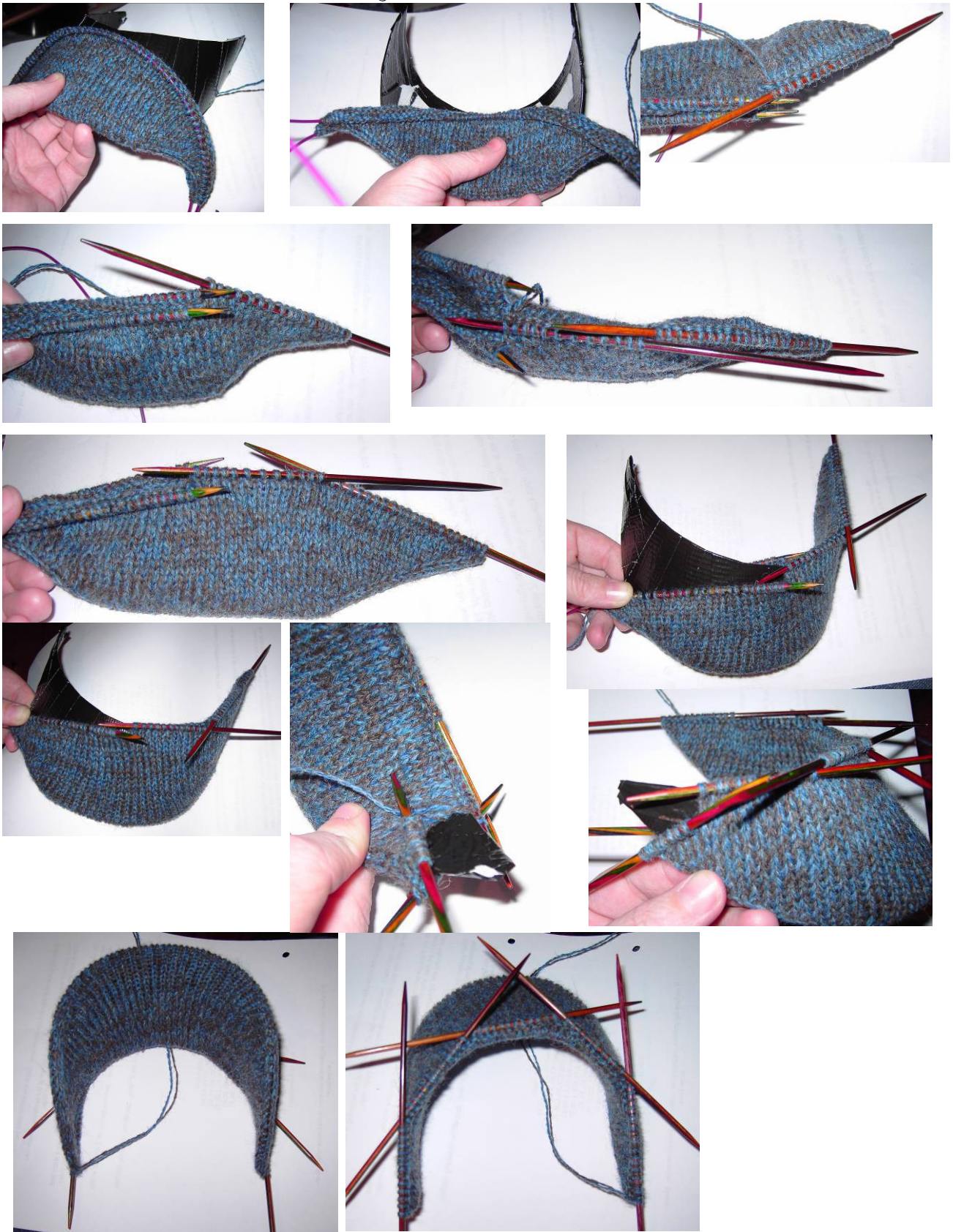
Step 2 - Making The Brim Pocket

Use the invisible magic cast-on for toe-up socks. You can find a tutorial here:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>

R	Using a 3mm long circular needle - cast on 25 stitches on each needle = 50.	Sts
1	Knit all stitches on the 1. needle. Knit all the stitches on the 2. needle through back of loop to make them look knit. If you just knit them they will look twisted.	50
2	K1, M1, k till last stitch on needle, M1, k1. Repeat on next needle.	54
3	Continue to increase 2 stitches in each side of brim until you have 57 stitches on each needle = repeat 15 times. Place brim in the pocket to see if it will fit. If not – knit a few more rounds.	114
17	After increasing 2 stitches in every side a total of 16.times, you will now have 57 stitches on each needle and a total of 114 stitches.	114
18	Now comes the first tricky part – the brim-pocket must be stretched over the plastic-brim and knitted close like this: Hold the 2 needles aligned side by side and knit 2 stitches together with a 3mm needle – one stitch from each needle – until all stitches are knit. Remember to place the plastic brim into the pocket before you close too many stitches. It will be fairly tight, so you need to stretch it in place. I spread the stitches out on several needles and used a crochet-hook to knit the stitches together, because it was so difficult to knit the stitches. See photos on page 3.	57
	Leave a 30 cm long tail and break the yarn. This will be used to fasten the brim in the end.	

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Step 3 - Making The Crown - Large Size

R		Sts
	Cast on 3 stitches. Knit I-cord for 2 rows. Do not turn before starting row 1.	
1	kfb of every stitch. Divide the stitches on 3 needles – 2 stitches on each needle, and join in the round.	6
2	kfb of every stitch. Place a marker at the beginning of this row. I use scrap-yarn – ca. 15cm long, because I find that stitchmarkers get in my way.	12
3	(k1, kfpb 1) x 6	18
4	(k2, pfb 1) x 6	24
5	(k2, p1, pfb 1) x 6	30
6	(k2, p2, kfb 1) x 6	36
7	(k2, p2, k1, kfpb 1) x 6	42
8	(k2, p2, k2, pfb 1) x 6	48
9	(k2, p2, k2, p1, pfb 1) x 6.	54
10	(k2, p2, k2, p2, kfb 1) x 6. Now the ribbing will start to show clearer.	60
11	(k2, p2, k2, p2, k1, kfpb 1) x 6	66
12	(k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, pfb 1) x 6.	72
13	(k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p1, pfb 1) x 6	78
14	(k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, kfb 1) x 6	84
15	Repeat row 11-13 in this way until every repeat has 44 stitches – knit the knits and purl the purls.	90
16	Change to circular needles – 40 cm.	96
	To keep track on where you are in this part of the pattern – count the number of stitches in one of the 6 repeats. The number of stitches equals your row number. =)	



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Step 3 - The Crown Continues

At row 20 the project measures ca. 7,5-8 cm from the I-cord-beginning in the DK weight yarn. If you want a smaller size – don't mind the row-by-row measurements. Row 28 = ca. 10 cm. Row 30 = ca. 11 cm. Row 36 = ca. 13 cm. Row 40 = ca. 15 cm. Row 44 = ca. 16 cm.						
rnd	17 x 6 = 102	18 x 6 = 108	19 x 6 = 114	20 x 6 = 120	21 x 6 = 126	22 x 6 = 132
	23 x 6 = 138	24 x 6 = 144	25 X 6 = 150	26 X 6 = 156	27 X 6 = 162	28 X 6 = 168
	29 X 6 = 174	30 X 6 = 180	31 X 6 = 186	32 X 6 = 192	33 X 6 = 198	34 X 6 = 204
	36 X 6 = 216	37 X 6 = 222	28 X 6 = 228	39 X 6 = 234	40 X 6 = 240	41 X 6 = 246
	42 x 6 = 252	43 X 6 = 258	44 x 6 = 264			
44	Ending the 6 sections with pfb to complete the k2, p2 ribbing. 44 x 6 = 264. At row 44 the project measures ca. 16 from the I-cord in the large size.					264
	Continue the ribbing k2, p2 for ca. 10 rows. If you want a medium sized hat – continue for just 4-6 rows instead of 10. It is also possible to stop increasing on row 40, but then the numbers in the charts will be misleading.					264

Step 4 - Decreasing To Form The Band

rnd	Change to a 3mm circular needle, and knit a thin thread of elastic held together with the yarn. The elastic is optional.	sts
1	(k1, p2t) till end of row.	198
2	Knit the knits and purl the purls till end of row.	198
3	(k2t, p1) till end of row	132
4	Knit the knits and purl the purls till end of row.	132



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Step 5 - Attaching The Brim To The Band

Mark with stitch markers where you want to place the brim. I place it in the middle front – so that the scrap-yarn that marks the beginning of the rows on the hat comes in the back of the hat. Put the 57 stitches you want to attach the brim to on a circular needle with a smooth join. It might be of help to put both the stitches from the hat and from the brim on pieces of scrap yarn before knitting them together – for instance cotton. It might also help using a crochet-hook instead of a needle for this part. Prepare yourself with some chocolate - now comes the really tricky part... =)

Hold the brim aligned with the hat as shown in the photos below, and purl 2 stitches together – one from the brim and one from the hat with a 3mm needle. Repeat. From now on and untill the last 2 stitches on the needles (= 2 stitches on each needle) you keep attaching the brim to the hat in a rib of one knit 2 together and one purl 2 together. End this sequence by purling 2 together twice.



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Step 6 - Ending The Band

Now you have the brim attached to the band, and you are nearly finished with the hat. If you want a more regular kind of cap, you can just knit one row of rib (knit the knits and purl the purls), and then cast off while you knit another row of rib. Start casting off under the brim.

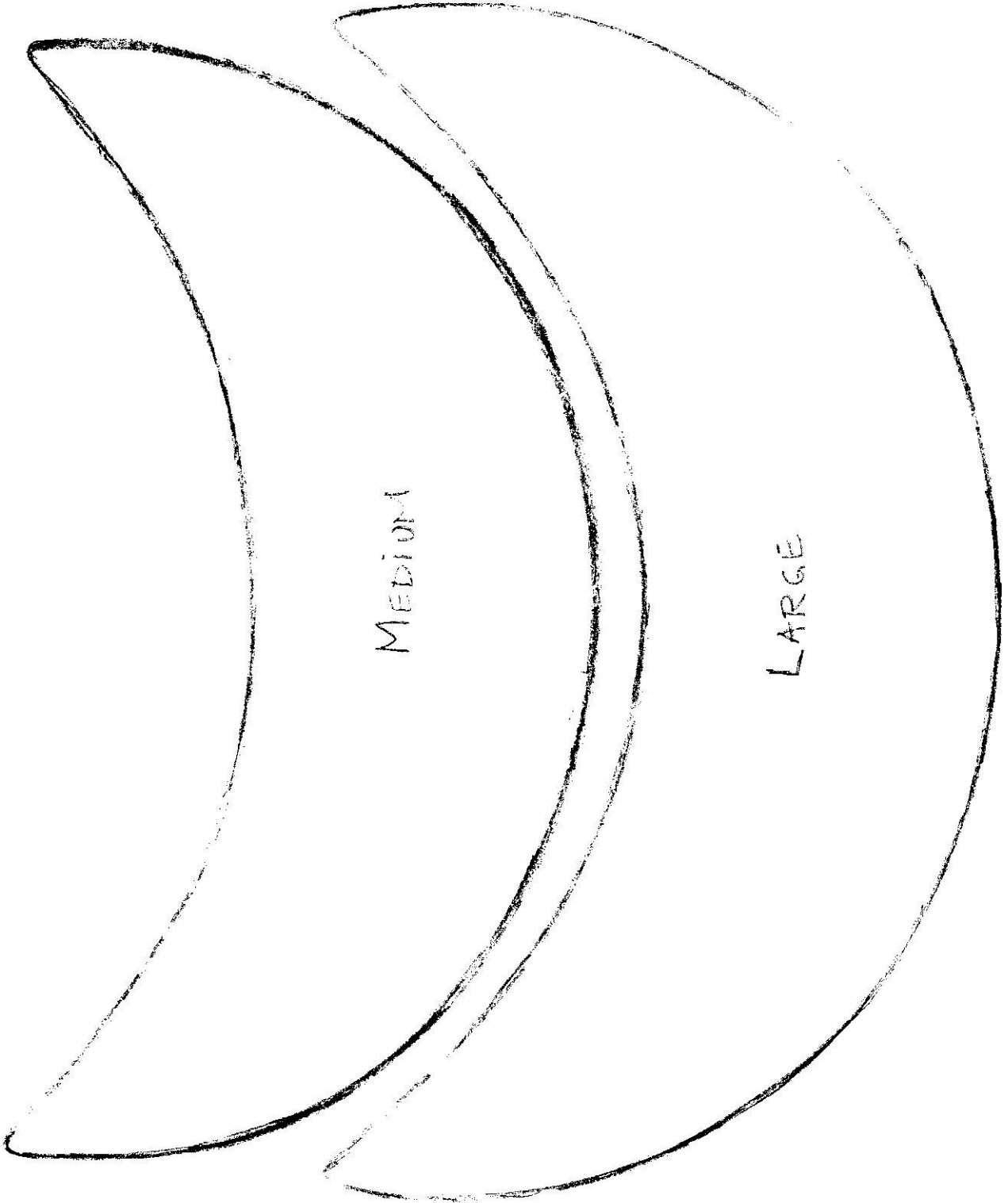
Weave in all ends. If the brim feels a little loose – sew it better on with the long tail you left hanging.

But – if you want the band to be a little longer in the back, you can continue like this using short rows:
Knit in ribbing (knit the knits and purl the purls) until you reach the brim. Wt the first stitch from under the brim. Knit in ribbing until you reach the other side of the brim. Wt the first stitch from under the brim. Knit in ribbing until you reach the wrapped stitch. Knit it and wt the next stitch from under the brim. Keep on like this a few more rows or as long as you want the brim. Start casting off under the brim.

Weave in all ends. If the brim feels a little loose – sew it better on with the long tail you left hanging.

Tadaaaa! Wear it proud and love it! =)





MEDIUM

LARGE