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As Seen at Panera Hat

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I knit with a couple of friends every Tuesday at a local Panera. One Tuesday morning, we saw someone wearing this commercially made hat and fell in love with the style. So being the intrepid knitters we are, my friend challenged me to work up a pattern. This is what I came up with. We did it as a KAL just for fun. I hope you like this pattern as much as we did!

Notes: This is meant to be a slouchy hat, so it might be a bit deeper. Due to the nature of stitches used, the hat will pull in vertically. Make sure to measure length with fabric slightly stretched.

Directions:

Using long-tail method, cast on 96 stitches, join to work in the round being careful not to twist.

Ribbing:

Work K1, P2 rib for 10 rounds.

Pattern

Rounds 1 and 2: Knit Rounds 3-8 Purl Round 9: Sl1, K1 to end Round 10: Knit

Intermediate

Size: Adult Medium

Materials:

Worsted Weight yarn, shown in Cascade 220, color 8950 and Lion Brand Wool-Ease white and blue. Pattern uses less than 1 skein.

Size 7 or 8 circular needles (or size needed to obtain gauge) Pattern is written for magic loop so a 40" needle is recommended, but you can also do this on 16" or 4 double-points if that floats your boat.

Stitch marker (optional)

Row counter

Darning needle

Size: Women's Medium (19-21" Circumference)

Gauge:

20 stitches and 20 rows = 4" in stockinette

Abbreviations:

Sl1 - slip one stitch purlwise (with yarn held in back)

K2tog - Knit two stitches together

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Rounds 11-16: repeat rounds 9 and 10 Round 17: Knit

For two-color hats work as follows: Rounds 1 and 2 (MC): Knit Rounds 3-8 (MC): Purl Round 9 (change to CC): Sl1, K1 to end Round 10 (CC): Knit Rounds 11-16 (CC): repeat rounds 9 and 10 Round 17(change to MC): Knit

Repeat rounds 3-17 three (3) times, (or approximately 7" from end of ribbing), then work rounds 1-8 once more.

Crown shaping:

Rd 1: *K6, k2tog, repeat from * to end (84 st) Rd 2 and all even rounds through Rd 12: Knit Rd 3: *K5, K2tog, repeat from * to end (72 st) (Crown shaping continued) Rd 5: *K4, k2tog, repeat from * to end (60 st) Rd 7: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to end (48 st} Rd 9: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end (36 st) Rd 11: *K1, k2tog, repeat from * to end (24 st) Rd 13: * k2tog, repeat from * to end (12 st)



Finishing:

Knit 1 round, cut yarn, pull through remaining stitches and fasten off. Weave in ends. Block lightly if desired. Enjoy!

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