

# Bellezza

**Size:** 20" circumference

**Gauge:** 9 st and 11 rows = 2" in stitch pattern

## MATERIALS

- ❖ **Yarn:** Valley Superwash by Valley Yarns [Aran, 100% Merino; 97yd/89m per 50g skein]: "Steel Gray", 2 skeins.
- ❖ **Needles:** US 7 / 4.5mm 24" circls
- ❖ **DPNs:** US 7 / 4.5 mm
- ❖ **Tapestry Needle**
- ❖ **Stitch Marker**



## PATTERN NOTES:

- ❖ For a tighter fit, consider knitting ribbing using a size smaller needles than the body of the hat.
- ❖ Try on as you go & add extras repeats if you want more of a slouch
- ❖ At the end of round 5, the pattern shifts over one st. To do this – remove the beginning-of-round marker. Knit 1 stitch. Replace beginning-of-round marker at current position.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

- ❖ K – Knit
- ❖ YO – Yarn Over
- ❖ K2tog – Knit two sts together
- ❖ M1 – Make One: Using the horizontal strand of yarn between two stitches in the row below, insert your needle tip into the strand from back to front (the needle will be moving toward you). This results in the strand being twisted when it is placed on the left needle. Knit into the **front** loop as is the usual knit method.



1: \*k4, k2tog, yo; rep from \* to end of round

2: \*k3, k2tog, k1, yo; rep from \* to end of round

3: \*k2, k2tog, k2, yo; rep from \* to end of round

4: \*k1, k2tog, k3, yo; rep from \* to end of round

5: \*k2tog, k4, yo; rep from \*, to end of round *Remove beginning-of-round marker. **Knit 1 stitch.** Replace beginning-of-round marker at current position.*

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### DECREASES

Next round: \*k10 k2tog; rep from \* to end of round

Next round: \*k9, k2tog; rep from \* to end of the round

Next round: \*k8, k2tog; rep from \* to end of the round

Next round: \*k7, k2tog; rep from \* to end of the round

Next round: \*k6, k2tog; rep from \* to end of the round

Next round: \*k5, k2tog; rep from \* to end of the round

Continue in this manner, decreasing by one until you have 9 sts remaining.

Cut a long tail to weave through the last 9 sts, pull tight and weave in the ends.

Block lightly over a plate.

