

Moss Stitch Beret



A simple textured beret with a unique tubular band.

Gauge:

- Moss Stitch – 4.25 sts per inch on size 7 dpns
- Stockinette Brim – 5 sts per inch on size 3 dpns

Size:

- Fits size medium or 22" around
- Unstretched, stockinette band measures 20" around
- At widest point, beret measures 32" around

Materials:

- Size 3, & 7 DPNS
- Size 3 (*or smaller gauge needle, this was used as a stitch holder*) 24" Circular needle
- One Skein Cascade 220
- Stitch Markers
- Tapestry needle

Cast on:

- On size 3 DPNS, provisionally cast on 90 sts in the round

Band:

- Work stockinette st in the round for 3"
- Remove yarn from provisional cast on and place live sts on the circular needle
- Fold-up the band and hold these live stitches right behind the working sts
- To secure the bottom of the band to the top, knit through both sts (*the provisional st on the circular needle will be directly behind the working st on the DPN*)
- Once all the band stitches have been knit together, start the increases

Increases:

- Switch to size 7 DPNS
- Increase using the 'knit in the front & back of stitch' method as follows: [K1FB, K1FB, K1, P1]*
- *Repeat around until there are 136 sts on the needles
- This increase round also counts as the first row of the moss stitch pattern (*R1 is now completed, start with R2 on the next round below*)

Body/Texture St:

- Work moss st until desired depth of beret: {4 Rounds - R1 & R2 = k,p,k,p... R3 & R4 = p,k,p,k...}
- I stopped after a depth of 5.5" (*measured from the base of the brim*)

Decreases:

- Divide into sections of 8 (*17 sts each*) and place a marker at the beginning of each section
- On every other row, you're going to decrease 2 sts before the marker and then 2 sts after the marker as follows:
 - **[slpw, K1, pss0]** slip 1 stitch purlwise, knit 1 stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch to the left of it
 - **slip the stitch marker to the right needle then**
 - **[K1, slkw, pss0]** knit 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch knitwise, transfer both stitches back to the left needle, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch to the right of it and finally transfer back to the right needle (*this second decrease should look just like the mirror image of the first decrease*)
- When you come to these decreased stitches on the next row, just knit them (*in other words, don't use the moss stitch pattern for the previously decreased stitches, just knit 2 instead*).
- Continue alternating the decrease row with the pattern row until 8 sts remain (*I found that as I got really close to the top of the hat, I didn't have enough stitches left on some of the needles to decrease. When this happens, you should just knit the stitches instead of decreasing*).

- Knit 2 tog until you have 4 sts

I Cord crest:

- Switch to size 3 DPNs and work an icord until desired length (*my crest measured 0.5"*). **Note:** I used size 1 DPNs on the very last row for a really tight tip of the crest.
- Cut 2" tail and with tapestry needle draw through sts
- Push tail down through center of icord

Modifications:

- If you would like your band even tighter, you could add some elastic inside the band prior to 'sealing' it

Blocking:

- Gently wash hat in lukewarm water
- Squeeze out excess water
- Place the hat, crest side down (*like a large pancake*) on a warm surface and smooth out any wrinkles/bulky seams (*on top of the dryer is a great place for this*)