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City Hiker Beanie

ABOUT PATTERN:

The City Hiker beanie is a quirky winter accessory for the cold climates. It has a double knitted brim and double knitted earflaps for extra warmth and an overall smooth stockinette stitch texture. The beanie is worked from top down, in the round, on circular needles.

Level of difficulty: Advanced beginner

SIZES:

1 (2) 3

SIZE GUIDE:

Designed to fit head circumferences of approximately: 53 (57) 61 cm [21 (22.5) 24 in]. To find out which size to knit, measure your head circumference and choose the size closest to your measurement. Size down if you are between sizes.

The finished beanie is designed to have approximately 5 cm [2 in] of negative ease.

SUGGESTED YARN:

150 (150) 200 g Hamelton Tweed 2 By BC Garn, 90% Wool 10% Viscose,
60 m / 50 g
Yarn category 5: Bulky / WPI 7

SUGGESTED NEEDLES:

6 mm / 80 cm or longer [US 10 / 32 in or longer] circular needles for the magic loop technique
5 mm / 60 cm [US 8 / 24 in] circular needles

ADDITIONAL:

- 5 stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE:

On 6mm needles in the round
13 sts / 17 rows = 10 x 10 cm

WORKFLOW:

The crown and body are worked in the round using the magic loop technique. You will start by casting on stitches for the crown. From there, you will knit your way down and work increases until you reach the required amount of stitches.

The body is worked straight down and finished with three rounds of reverse stockinette. (The reverse stockinette will appear as stockinette on the right side, when the brim is turned)

The brim is worked in the round on circular needles, in double knitting.

The beanie is finished by working earflaps and i-cord straps.

INCREASES:

The increases are worked on the right side so they lean towards the left (M1L) or the right (M1R).

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar between two stitches from front to back and knit through the back loop

M1R: With your left needle, pick the bar between two stitches from back to front and knit

VIDEO TUTORIALS:

[Long tail cast on](#)

[Simple magic loop](#)

[Closing the top](#)

[Brim set up](#)

[Tubular bind off](#)

[Picking up stitches for the earflaps](#)

[I-cord](#)

TECHNIQUES:

Double knitting flat and in the round

I-cord

Long tail cast on

Magic Loop

Mattress stitch

M1L / M1R

Pick up and knit

Reverse stockinette in the round (purl all stitches)

Stockinette in the round (knit all stitches)

Tubular bind off

BEGIN HERE:

CROWN

Start by casting on 16 stitches on 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] or longer circular needles using the long tail cast on method. Leave a tail of approximately 20 cm [8 in]. Bring the stitches to the magic loop starting position by dividing them onto two needles (8 + 8). Work in the round using the magic loop technique. Place 4 stitch markers during the set up round to indicate the placement of the increases. Work as follows:

Set up round: Knit 1, place marker, knit 6, place marker, knit 1, change to the other needle, knit 1, place marker, knit 6, place marker, knit 1.

Your beginning of the round is between the first and the last stitches of the round. You can mark this if you want.

Round 1: Knit to marker, M1R, slm, knit 6, slm, M1L, knit to end of needle, change to the other needle, knit to marker, M1R, slm, knit 6, slm, M1L, knit to end of round. (4 stitches are increased, one at each marker)

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have a total of 64 (68) 72 stitches on your needles.

You are done with increasing and you can remove the stitch markers.

BODY

Knit 6 cm [2.5 in] of stockinette after your last increase row.

On the last knit round, place 4 lock-in stitch markers to indicate the placement for the ear flaps as follows:

Knit 6 (6) 7 stitches, place a stitch marker in the last stitch, knit until 6 (6) 7 stitches left on the needle, place a stitch marker in the first stitch, knit to end of needle, change to the other needle, repeat from * to *.

To finish the body, work 3 rounds in reverse stockinette (purl all stitches).

BRIM

The brim is worked in the round on 5 mm / 60 cm [US 8 / 24 in] circular needles. Place a marker for the beginning of the round. The magic loop technique is no longer needed. Turn your work inside out, as the brim will be worked wrong side facing.

During the set up round you will prepare your work for double knitting by doubling the amount of stitches on your needles. Work as follows:

Set up round: Knit each stitch from front and back (k1f&b) to the end of the round. (Video: "Brim set up") Changing the knitting direction will leave a small hole to the turning point, but it will not be visible in the finished beanie.

You have increased by 64 (68) 72 stitches. You now have a total of 128 (136) 144 stitches on your needles.

From here, work the brim in double knitting:

Round 1: *Knit 1, sl1wyif* repeat from * - * to the end of the round

Round 2: *Sl1wyib, purl 1* repeat from * - * to the end of the round

Repeat rows 1-2 until the double knit measures 8 cm [3.25 in]. Bind off firmly using the Tubular Bind Off method.

Close the top of the beanie using the mattress stitch method. (Video: "Closing the top")

Tip: It's recommended to wet block your beanie at this point, as it will be more difficult after working the ear flaps.



EARFLAPS

The earflaps are worked flat, in double knitting, using 5 mm / 60 cm [US 8 / 24 in] circular needles.

Turn the brim outwards, as when wearing the beanie.

Pick up and knit stitches from between the markers as follows:

You have 12 (12) 14 stitches between markers, on both sides. Pick up and knit into each stitch normally **and also into the bars between the stitches** in order to end up with 24 (24) 28 stitches in total. Pick up the stitches with the crown of the beanie facing towards you. (Video: "Picking up stitches for the earflaps")

Proceed in double knitting as follows:

Rows 1 - 2: *Sl1wyif, knit 1* repeat from * to * to end of row

Repeat rows 1-2 a total of 16 (16) 18 times so that 8 (8) 9 full rows in double knitting are worked.

Start decreasing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Sl1wyif, k2tog tbl, p2tog, *knit 1, sl1wyif* repeat from * - * until 5 stitches left on the needle, k2tog, p2tog tbl, k1. 4 stitches have been decreased.

Row 2 (RS): *Sl1wyif, knit 1* repeat from * to * to end of row

Repeat decrease rows 1-2 until you have 8 stitches left on the needle.

Work the decreases for the tip as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Sl1wyif, p2tog, k2tog tbl, p2tog tbl, k1

Row 2 (RS): Sl1wyif, p2tog, k2tog

Row 3 (WS): Sl1wyif, k2tog

You now have 2 stitches left on your needle. Do not break the yarn as the i-cord continues from here.

I-CORD

Without turning your work:

Slide the stitches over to the other needle, k2 repeat from * to * until your strap measures approximately 30 cm [12 in] or desired length. On the last row, k2tog, leave a tail for weaving in later, cut the yarn and pull through the loop to secure.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

When wearing the beanie, pull the brim down slightly, in order to wrap the three rows of the turn edge inwards. This hides the purl-bumps from the wrong side and makes it look like the earflaps appear from under the beanie!

Tip: As the brim is worked in double knitting and doesn't have stretch-like quality like ribbed brims, you can weave in elastic sewing thread through the bind off edge if needed.

Finished!

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