

Simple Convertible Hat-Cowl

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Design Description

About this pattern

This is a simple, convertible hat/cowl that works up quickly in worsted weight yarn. By pulling the drawstring tight and tying it in a bow, you can wear it as a beanie covering the ears. Untie the drawstring and open the top to its full circumference to wear around the neck as a loose cowl. Cast on using a tubular method for an extra-nice edge, and use a soft, warm yarn.

Materials

Yarn: ~ 100 yards worsted weight yarn

2-3 yards of smooth, contrasting scrap yarn for provisional cast on (if making a tubular edge)

Needles: US size 8 (12"-16" circular) needles, or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Yarn needle, for weaving in ends

Hook of any size, for provisional cast on (if making a tubular edge)

Gauge (Blocked)

Stockinette Stitch

4 inches = 20 sts

Row gauge does not matter.

Abbreviations

K: Knit

P: Purl

K2tog: Knit two stitches together

YO: Yarn over

S11wyif: Slip one stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle while holding the yarn in the front.

S11wyib: Slip one stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle while holding the yarn in the back.

Pattern

Main body

Cast on eighty-eight stitches using a stretchy cast-on, or follow the instructions for the tubular cast on at the end.

Row 1: *K2, P2* around.

Repeat Row 1 until hat measures 2" from cast-on edge.

Row 2: K around.

Repeat Row 2 until hat measures 7" from cast on edge.

Bind off using a four-stitch i-cord (described in the next section).

Measure out three pieces of yarn, one yard each. Tie lengths of yarn together at one end and braid loose ends. Tie off when fully braided, then thread braid through center of i-cord to act as a drawstring.

i-cord bind-off

Cast on four stitches at beginning of round.

Row 1: K3, K2tog (one i-cord stitch and one hat stitch). Slip four stitches from right needle to left needle.

Repeat Row 1 until four stitches are left.

Bind off remaining four stitches using a standard bind off.

Tubular cast on variation

Cast on forty-four stitches as a provisional cast on using scrap yarn and crochet hook.

Row 1: Work *K1, YO* in each stitch. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches.

Row 2: Work *K1, S11wyif* around.

Row 3: Work *S11wyib, P1* around.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Work your way around, swapping every second and third stitch to change from *K1, P1* pattern to *K2, P2* pattern.

Continue to work hat as detailed in main instructions, starting with Row 1.