



Simple Mushroom Slouchy Beret-Type Hat

Before we begin the pattern, let me tell you why I designed this hat. I wanted a very simple and basic hat. I have a great deal of curly hair. I wanted a hat that would hold my hair, stay on my head, and still look cute. This pattern, in my opinion, achieves that affect.

The other issue with this hat is the yarn. I don't know what to tell you here. I bought a bulk lot of yarn on ebay about two years ago. None of the yarn

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came with labels. I cannot even begin to tell you how many yards the skein had, or what fiber it is constructed from, or anything useful like that.



I can tell you the yarn looks as if it is three individual strands of lace weight yarn that has been spun together to create a DK weight yarn. What I love about the yarn is the random slubs throughout. All three strands are mildly slubbed. The slubs never line up on all three strands in the same spot in the yarn overall.

I have a good feeling that this yarn is a wool blend...but as to what it could be blended with, that could be alpaca, silk, cotton, who knows what. It's pretty and that's what mattered to me.

Yarn for your hat:

When looking for yarn for your project, look for something that inspires you. I would stay within the sport weight, DK, light worsted weight arena with this pattern. I suggest blends of silk, cotton, linen, wool, alpaca, angora, but follow your heart with this one. I would look for a skein with at least 100 yards, if not a bit more.

This is an extremely simple hat. It is suitable for beginners. This pattern assumes you already know how to knit.

Gauge:

2x2 ribbing on brim: 4 stitches per inches

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These stitches are relaxed and open, not tightly spaced. 2x2 ribbing does have a great deal of stretch.

The brim is the only place that you really need to worry about gauge.

Needles:

You can use circular needles and switch to double point needles as needed. You can use the magic loop method. You can use double point needles from start to finish.

You will need needles in the following sizes:

US 8 (5mm)

US 11 (8mm)

US 15 (10mm)

Accessories needed:

A stitch marker to designate beginning of row.

Scissors to cut yarn.

Weaving needle for weaving in ends.

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

K= knit

P=purl

K2tog=knit two stitches together

Pattern begins here:

Using US 8 needles and your favorite method, cast on 76 stitches. Being careful not to twist stitches, carefully join work to begin working in the round. Be sure to remember to place your stitch marker at the beginning of the round. Be sure to slip marker every time you come to it.

Work K2, P2 ribbing around for one inch. Knit 4 rounds even. That is knit every stitch for four rounds.

Change to US 11 needles. Continue to work even, knitting every stitch, until hat measures 3 inches from cast on edge.

Change to US 15 needles. Work even until your hat measures 10 to 12 inches from cast on edge.

The hat in the photo was worked to 10 inches from the cast on edge. At ten inches, your hat will not be as full or as slouchy as it would be if you continue to twelve inches.

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Begin decreases:

On next round, K2tog to end of round using US 15 needles.

Change to US 8 knitting needles. K2tog to end of round.

Continue to K2tog until you have roughly 5 stitches remaining.

Cut your yarn, leaving roughly a 6 inch tail. Weave the tail through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Secure this tail. Weave in your ends. If you work the finishing well, you now have a reversible hat in your hands.

Congratulations. You're all done. Wear your hat and enjoy.



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