

Gap Girl Beanie

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I came across a version of this hat in Gap during the winter of 2012. It obviously made a deep impression on me because it was the first thing that came to mind when I dragged out all my knitting supplies the following winter. I like the simplicity of the pattern and the S-cables are a new favorite. This hat would totally work multi-colored or kept in neutral tones with a bright pom-pom to add some spice. There can also be a lot of variability with the number and size of the cables. This pattern consists of 10 cables. Obviously, the bigger each cable is, the less around the hat, and vice versa. There is lots of room for creativity. I hope this pattern sparks some inspiration as you are knitting along!

Yarn:

-1 skein Cascade Yarns *220 Heathers* (100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 100 g=200 m)

*or you can substitute with pretty much any worsted yarn or another weight that you choose (just make sure to check the gauge!)

-scrap yarn of any color for the optional Pom-Pom

Gauge:

9 sts and 11 rows= 4" in stockinette stitch

Needles:

-Size 4 mm (6 US) needles in both 16" circular and double-points (or size needle needed to obtain gauge)

-Cable needle

-Tapestry needle

-Pom-Pom maker (optional)

*you will also need a stitch marker or extra piece of yarn

Size:

Adult small

finished measurements:

circumference: 15"

length (from end of rib to crown of the head): 7"

Pattern:

-1x1 ribbed edging

-Stockinette stitch

-7-stitch left-leaning S-cables

Abbreviations:

- st(s): stitch(es)
- K: knit
- P: purl
- M1: make a st by picking up st in between st just knit and next st and inserting needle under it from front to back, then purl into back of new st picked up
- 3cnF4: slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work, k 4 sts from left-hand needle, then k the 3 sts from the cable needle
- KFB: knit into front and back of same st
- SSK: slip a st, slip another st, and k those 2 sts together
- K2tog: knit 2 sts together

Instructions:

Cast on 96 sts. Place marker and join into a round.

Initial Ribbing:

K1P1 for 3 rows

Begin Cable Pattern:

Row 1: (P2, M1, K7, P3, K7) x4, then (P3, K7) x2

Rows 2-16: (P3, K7) x10

Row 17: (P3, 3cnF4) x10

Rows 18-32: (P3, K7) x10

At this point, the cables will finish off with pointed, triangular-like tops. The hat should also be approaching the crown of the head ready for the decreasing.

Begin Decreasing:

You will be using left-slanting and right-slanting decreases to create the pointed tops.

Row 1 of decreasing follows right after Row 32 of the cable pattern.

*Switch to double-point needles at any point when it becomes difficult to knit with circular needles.

R1: (K2, KFB, SSK, K3, K2tog) x10

R2: (K3, KFB, SSK, K1, K2tog) x10

R3: (K4, KFB, K1, K2tog) x10

R4: (K5, KFB, K2tog) x10

R5-17: K all sts (there should be 80 sts now)

R18: (K2tog, K1) to end

R19: K all sts

R20: K2tog to end

R21: K all sts

R22: K2tog to end

R23: K all sts

R24: K2tog to end

Cut the yarn, making sure to leave about a 6 inch tail. Weave in ends.

*Optional: Make a pom-pom and weave into top of hat to finish off with pizzaz!