

Star Crossed Slouchy Beret



Size:

To fit an average size adult head

Gauge:

6 stitches and 12 rows = 2 inches
in Cable Stitch Pattern

Materials:

- Malabrigo Merino Worsted (100% Merino Wool; 100 grams=216 yards) 1 hank (not all is used)
- US Size 11 Circular Needle, 24 inches
- Cable Needle (I used one of my dpns)
- US Size 10 DPNS
- Tapestry Needle
- Stitch Marker

Difficulty:

This pattern is recommended for an intermediate knitter. Beginner cable knitters: This is a great first cable project – it was mine!

Skills Used:

Long tail cast-on, knitting in the round, knit stitch, purl stitch, increasing, decreasing, picking up stitches, a tiny amount of the magic loop method (which could be entirely avoided with the use of double pointed needles), and cabling (nothing too complicated).

Abbreviations:

K – Knit

P – Purl

CN – Cable Needle

M1 – Make One (I made a tight backward loop on my left needle and then knit through the back)

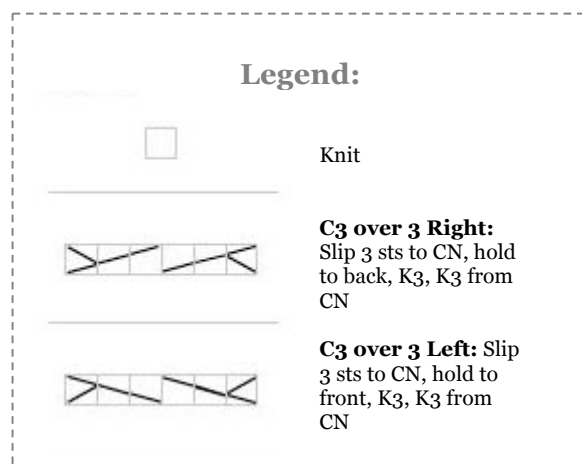
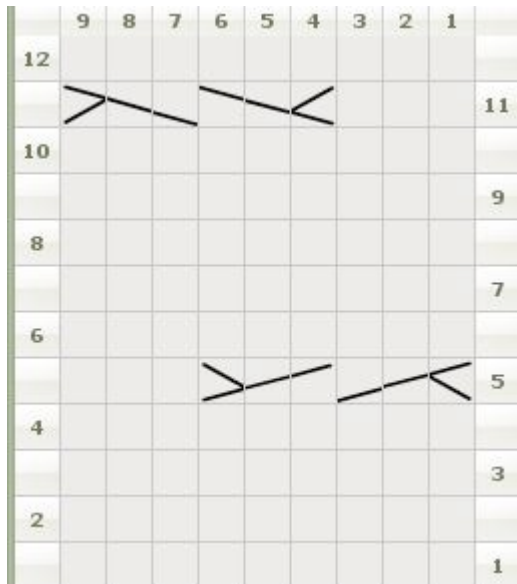
C3 over 3 Left - Slip 3 sts to CN, hold to front, K3, K3 from CN

C3 over 3 Right - Slip 3 sts to CN, hold to back, K3, K3 from CN

K2tog – Knit two together

SSK – Slip, Slip, Knit

Cable Chart:



Directions:

CO 72 sts via long tail cast-on onto one US Size 10 DPN. Divide evenly between 4 DPNs (18 sts per needle).

Join for working in the round and place an EOR marker at the end of the round.

Work in 1x1 rib (k1, P1) for five rounds.

Change to a US Size 11 circular, and work cable pattern as follows:

Rounds 1-4, 6-10 and 12: Knit around

Round 5: *Slip 3 sts to CN, hold to back, K3, K3 from CN, K3 Repeat from * to end.

Round 11: *K3, Slip 3 sts to CN, hold to front, K3, K3 from CN Repeat from * to end.

Work rows 1-12 of the cable pattern one time (as written above).

Next round (increase round): *K2, M1, repeat from * to the end of the round

Work rows 2-12 of the cable pattern one time, then work rows 1-6 one time (17 rounds more after increase round, 30 rounds total).



Next round, begin the following decrease: *K7, K2tog, K7, SSK, repeat from * to the end of the round.

Next round: *K6, K2tog, K6, SSK, repeat from * to the end of the round.

Next round: *K5, K2tog, K5, SSK, repeat from * to the end of the round (72 sts remain).

Next round: Work row 11 of cable chart then work one round even.

Next round: *K10, K2tog, repeat from * to the end of the round.

Next round: *K9, K2tog, repeat from * to the end of the round.

Next round: *K8, K2tog, repeat from * to the end of the round.

Next round: *K7, K2tog, repeat from * to the end of the round.



Continue in this manner, decreasing your knit stitches by one until you perform a series with the K2tog's back to back.

6 sts remain. Cut a tail long enough to weave through the live stitches, pull tight and weave in the ends.

Block lightly over a plate or pie tin by misting the hat.

Wear proudly!

Natalie is the mother of two small children ages 3 and 5 and is very proud of her recent transition into exclusive motherhood. This is the first (but not the last) pattern she has written. She and her family just moved from the dry desert of Arizona, to the even drier desert of Nevada. She has been knitting since November of 2006.

