

BRAIDED HAT

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Skill level

Intermediate

You need

YARN: *Super Bulky weight yarn; shown in DROPS Andes (65% Wool, 35% Alpaca, 109yds / 100m, 3.53oz / 100g) in color 3740, 2 balls*
NEEDLES: *US 10 [6mm] straight needles*
NOTIONS: *cable needle, tapestry needle, crochet*

hook for attaching fringe

Gauge

14 sts / 18 rows = 4" / 10cm over crown pattern

Size

One size (will comfortably fit head circumference 21 ½–22 ½" / 55–57cm)

Finished measurements

Circumference: 22 ½" / 57cm

Height: 7 ½" / 19cm

Abbreviations

C6B – (cable 6 back) slip 3 sts onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k3 from left-hand needle, then k3 from cable needle

C6F – (cable 6 front) slip 3 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work, k3 from left-hand needle, then k3 from cable needle

CO – cast on

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 sts together

m1k – (make one knit) with left needle, lift strand between needles, from back to front and knit lifted loop

m1p – (make one purl) with left needle, lift strand between needles, from back to front and purl lifted loop

p2tog – purl 2 sts together

p – purl

pwise – purlwise

RS – right side

sl – slip

ssk – slip, slip, knit slipped sts together through back loops

st(s) – stitch(es)

WS – wrong side

wyif – with yarn in front

Notes

- 1 The hat is worked back and forth in rows. Then sts are picked up and worked for forehead and back of head.
- 2 Cable needle is optional, because there are not that many stitches to rearrange (just let the stitches off the needle and pick them up again in the right order and then knit them).
- 3 Remember to sl 1st st of every row pwise wyif and k last st of every row.

DIRECTIONS

BEGINNING OF BRAID

CO 5 sts, leaving a 8'' (20.5cm) tail.

Foundation row (WS): K1, p3, k1. 5 sts.

Work from Chart A (once) or follow written directions.

CHART A

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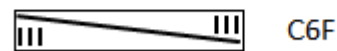
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- p on RS, k on WS
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- ↗ p2tog on RS
- ↖ ssk on RS
- ↗ p2tog on WS

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, m1k) twice, k2. 7 sts.

Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, m1k) 4 times, k2. 11 sts.

Row 4: As row 2.



C6F



C6B

FIRST BRAID

Work from Chart B (repeat rows 1–8 four times, then rows 1–4 once more) or follow written directions.

CHART B

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Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyif, k3, C6F, k1.

Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyif, k to end.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: Sl1 pwise wyif, C6B, k4.

Row 6: As row 2.

Row 7: As row 3.

Row 8: As row 2.

Repeat rows 1–8 three more times, then rows 1–4 once more.

FIRST SIDE OF HAT

Work from Chart C (once) or follow written directions.

CHART C

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Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, m1p) 8 times, k2. 19 sts.

Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k1) 9 times.

Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p1) 8 times, k2.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, m1p, p1) 8 times, k2. 27 sts.

Row 6: Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k2) 8 times, p1, k1.

Row 7: Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p2) 8 times, k2.

Row 8: As row 6.

Row 9: Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p2, m1p) 8 times, k2. 35 sts.

Row 10: Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k3) 8 times, p1, k1.

CROWN OF HAT

Work from Chart D (repeat rows 1 and 2 twenty times) or follow written directions.

CHART D

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Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p3) 8 times, k2.

Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k3) 8 times, p1, k1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 nineteen more times.

SECOND SIDE OF HAT

Work from Chart E (once) or follow written directions.

CHART E

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- Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p1, p2tog) 8 times, k2. 27 sts.
- Row 2:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k2) 8 times, p1, k1.
- Row 3:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p2) 8 times, k2.
- Row 4:** As row 2.
- Row 5:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p2tog) 8 times, k2. 19 sts.
- Row 6:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (p1, k1) 9 times.
- Row 7:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (k1, p1) 8 times, k2.
- Row 8:** As row 6.
- Row 9:** Sl1 pwise wyif, (ssk) 8 times, k2. 11 sts.
- Row 10:** Sl1 pwise wyif, p to last st, k1.

SECOND BRAID

Work from Chart F (repeat rows 1–8 four times, then rows 1–4 once more) or follow written directions.

CHART F

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- Row 1 (RS)** Sl1 pwise wyif, k to end.
- Row 2:** Sl1 pwise wyif, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyif, k3, C6B, k1.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 1.

Row 6: As row 2.

Row 7: Sl1 pwise wyif, C6F, k4.

Row 8: As row 2.

Repeat rows 1–8 three more times, then rows 1–4 once more.

END OF BRAID

Work from Chart G (once) or follow written directions.

CHART G

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Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyif, (ssk) 4 times, k2. 7 sts.

Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, (p2tog) twice, p1, k1. 5 sts.

Last row (RS): Cast off all sts, leaving a 8'' (20.5cm) tail.

FRONT OF THE HAT

Left side of the hat.

With RS facing pick up and knit 18 center sts from the side edge (selvage sts), plus one more st, turn. 19 sts.

Row 1 (WS): (P1, k1) 9 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 20 sts.

Row 2: K1, (k1, p1) 9 times, k1, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 21 sts.

Row 3: P1, (p1, k1) 10 times, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 22 sts.

Row 4: (K1, p1) 11 times, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 23 sts.

Row 5: (P1, k1) 11 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 24 sts.

Row 6: K1, (k1, p1) 11 times, k1, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 25 sts.

Row 7: P1, (p1, k1) 12 times, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 26 sts.

Row 8: (K1, p1) 13 times, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 27 sts.

Row 9: (P1, k1) 13 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 28 sts.

Row 10 (RS): Cast off sts in rib (at the beginning of row sl 1st st pwise wyib and at the end of row pick up and knit 1 st from side edge).

BACK OF THE HAT

Right side of the hat.

With RS facing pick up and knit 18 center sts from the side edge (selvage sts), plus one more st, turn. 19 sts.

Row 1 (WS): (P1, k1) 9 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 20 sts.

Row 2: K1, (k1, p1) 9 times, k1, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 21 sts.

Row 3: P1, (p1, k1) 10 times, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 22 sts.

Row 4: (K1, p1) 11 times, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 23 sts.

Row 5: (P1, k1) 11 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 24 sts.

Row 6: K1, (k1, p1) 11 times, k1, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 25 sts.

Row 7: P1, (p1, k1) 12 times, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 26 sts.

Row 8: (K1, p1) 13 times, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 27 sts.

Row 9: (P1, k1) 13 times, p1, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 28 sts.

Row 10: K1, (k1, p1) 13 times, k1, pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, turn. 29 sts.

Row 11: P1, (p1, k1) 14 times, pick up and purl 1 st from side edge, turn. 30 sts.

Row 12 (RS): Cast off sts in rib (k2tog all sts before casting off; at the beginning of row sl 1st st pwise wyib and at the end of row pick up and knit 1 st from side edge, do not include these sts in k2tog).

FINISHING

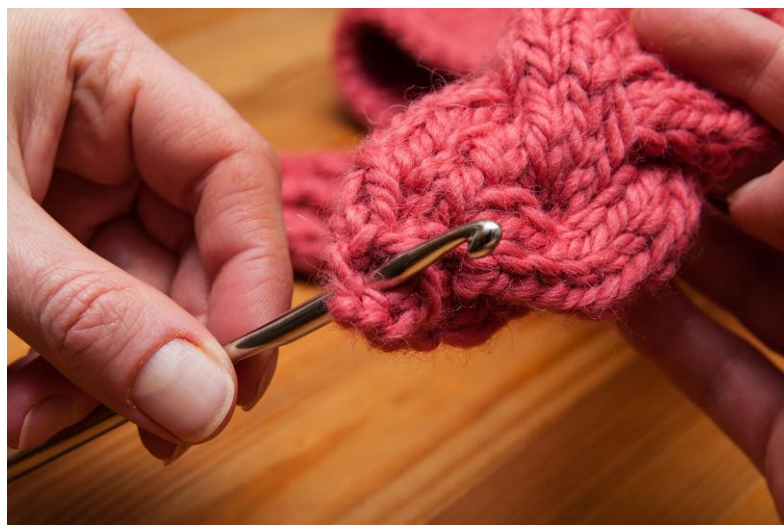
Weave in ends, but don't cut them off yet. Wash and block the hat.

With yarn end left at the beginning of the first braid, join the ends of cast on edge.

With yarn end left at the end of the second braid, join the ends of cast off edge.



Cut 14 pieces of yarn into 15-inch (38cm) lengths (7 pieces for each braid). Hold 7 lengths of yarn together and fold them in half. With a crochet hook pull the middle of the folded-up lengths of yarn from front to back through the hole at the end of the first braid.



Pull loose ends through loop and pull to secure. Neaten the ends of fringe.





Do the same with other 7 lengths of yarn and make a fringe at the end of the second braid.

Cut the yarn ends.