ઠ Joey

My little brother's all grown up and in college. When I think of him, though, I still sometimes picture him 10 years old and adorable. He goes by "Joe" now, but I still think of him as "Joey" at times. I wanted to knit him a hat low-key enough for a college man, but with some fun elements for the kid in him. The result: the Joey hat!

ઠ Materials

1 skein (~150 yards) worsted weight yarn (I used Berroco Vintage: 3.5 oz / 100 g; 217 yds / 198 m; 50% Acrylic, 40% Wool, 10% Nylon)

US 6 (4mm) & US 7 (4.5mm) 16" circular needles

US 7 double-pointed needles

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Optional: cable needle (you can also use a spare dpn for cabling, or cable without a cable needle)

Size & Gauge
Fits an average adult's head snugly.
20 sts = 4" in St st on US 7's

Glossary

CL	cable left: sl1 to cn and hold to front, k1, k1 from cn	p	purl
cn	cable needle	pCL	purl cable left: sl1 to cn and hold to front, p1, k1 from cn
CO	cast on	pCR	purl cable right: sl1 to cn and hold to back, k1, p1 from cn
CR	cable right: sl1 to cn and hold to back, k1, k1 from cn	pm	place marker
dec	decrease	rem	remaining
dpn(s)	double-pointed needle(s)	sl	slip as if to purl
k	knit	st(s)	stitch(es)
k2tog	knit 2 together	St st	Stockinette stitch

Instructions

Using size 6 circular needles, CO 100 sts. If you want to make a larger or smaller hat, CO any number of sts that's divisible by 10. Join to start knitting in the round and pm to indicate the beginning of the round.

[k3, p2]; repeat from [to]. Repeat this round until piece measures 1" from CO. Switch to size 7 needles. Knit around in St st until piece measures 2" from CO. On the next round, start knitting the charted pattern, repeating each chart row 10 times around.

On rows 5 and 17, you'll notice that some of the cabled sts overlap the pattern repeat. On these rounds, k the first st of the round and then repeat the chart as written. When you get to the last st of the round, "borrow" the first st of the following round to cable with, and skip the first st of the first chart repeat on the following round. The written instructions (next to the chart) include stitch-by-stitch instructions for doing this.

After knitting chart rows 1 - 23, knit even in St st until piece measures 6" from CO. Then do crown decreases as follows, switching to dpns when there are too few sts to fit on the circular needle:

Dec round 1: k1, [k2tog, k8]. Repeat from [to] until 7 sts rem; k7.
Dec rounds 2, 4, 6, 8: k around.
Dec round 3: [k2tog, k7] around.
Dec round 5: k7, [k2tog, k6]. Repeat from [to] until 1 st rem. Remove stitch marker; k2tog, pm.
Dec round 7: [k5, k2tog] around.
Dec round 9: [k4, k2tog] around.
Dec round 10: [k3, k2tog] around
Dec round 11: [k2, k2tog] around.
Dec round 12: [k, k2tog] around.
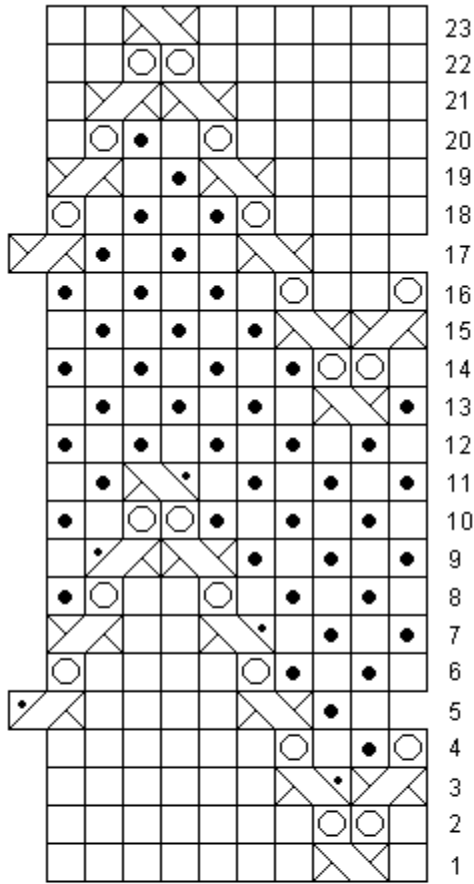**Dec round 13:** k2tog around.
Dec round 14: k2tog around; 5 sts rem. Cut yarn, draw the loose end through the 5 sts, and pull tight.

Weave in ends and block lightly if desired. Enjoy!

If you have any questions or problems, drop me a line on my blog or message me on Ravelry:
http://twopieceset.blogspot.com/2009/12/joey-knitted-hat-pattern.html
http://www.ravelry.com/people/MoulinRogue

(chart grid)	23
	22
	21
	20
	19
	18
	17
	16
	15
	14
	13
	12
	11
	10
	9
	8
	7
	6
	5
	4
	3
	2
	1

□ = knit ◻⬚ = CL

▣• = purl ⬚ = CR

◯ = slip ⬚• = pCL

•⬚ = pCR

Round 1: k, CL, [k8, CL]. Repeat from [to] until 7 sts rem; k7.
Round 2: [k, sl2, k7] around.
Round 3: [CR, pCL, k6] around.
Round 4: [sl, p, k, sl, k6] around.
Round 5: k2, [p, CL, k4, pCR, k]. Repeat from [to] until 8 sts rem; p, CL, k4, pCR by borrowing the first st from round 6.
Round 6: p, k, p, sl, k4, sl, [k, p, k, p, sl, k4, sl] around.
Round 7: [p, k, p, k, pCL, k2, CR] around.
Round 8: [k, p, k, p, k, sl, k2, sl, p] around.
Round 9: [p, k, p, k, p, CL, pCR, k] around.
Round 10: [[k, p] 3 times, sl2, k, p] around.
Round 11: [[p, k] 3 times, pCL, p, k] around.
Round 12: [k, p] around.
Round 13: [p, CL, k, [p, k] 3 times] around.
Round 14: [k, sl2, p, [k, p] 3 times] around.
Round 15: [CR, CL, [p, k] 3 times] around.
Round 16: [sl, k2, sl, [k, p] 3 times] around.
Round 17: k3, [CL, k, p, k, p, CR, k2]. Repeat from [to] until 7 sts rem; CL, k, p, k, p, CR by borrowing the first st from round 18.
Round 18: k3, sl, p, k, p, k, sl, [k4, sl, p, k, p, k, sl] around.
Round 19: [k4, CL, p, k, CR] around.
Round 20: [k5, sl, k, p, sl, k] around.
Round 21: [k5, CL, CR, k] around.
Round 22: [k6, sl2, k2] around.
Round 23: [k6, CL, k2] around.