



Drop Stitch Hat with Button-On Ear Flaps

This hat pattern was inspired by and designed to match [Christine Vogel's Easy Drop Stitch Scarf](#). It is a basic pull-on style hat but it includes directions for button-on ear flaps for when that winter chill ups the ante. This hat is knit in the round and the optional ear flaps are knit flat. It is knit at a larger gauge than is recommended by the yarn to give it a lacier effect. Skills used are knitting in the round, k2tog, yo and pss0.

Difficulty: Advanced-Beginner.

Head circumference: 22"

Finished measurement: 20"

Materials

Yarn: Manos Del Uruguay Wool Clasica (100% Wool, 138 yd[126 m/100 g/3.53 oz] – 1 skein, 100 yds (With this yarn, it is recommended to use 2 skeins at once, working 2 rows from one ball and the next 2 rows from the other).

Gauge: 12 sts = 4" (10 cm) St st

Needles: US 13 (9.0 mm) circular 16" and DPNs in same size for crown (or any needle size that gives correct gauge)

Notions: 1 Stitch marker; tapestry needle, 6 buttons (size 18 mm)

Definitions

BO: Bind off

CO: Cast on

Cont: Continue

Garter St: When working in the round, knit one rnd, purl second rnd. When working flat, knit all rows.

K2tog (knit 2 together): Insert needle into next 2 sts and knit as 1 st.

Pssso: Pass slipped stitch over

Rnd: Round

St(s): Stitch(es)

Rem: Remain/remaining

Rep: Repeat

Yo: Yarn-over

Stitch Glossary

I-Cord: (Worked on DPN.) Knit the first row. Without turning the work, slide the sts to the opposite end of the DPN. Now your working yarn is at the "wrong" end of the row. Knit the next st, pulling the working yarn tightly up the back of the piece so you can work with it. Knit remaining sts. Rep in this manner until desired length

Drop Stitch Pattern (worked in the round)

Rnd 1: *K6, yo, k1, yo twice, k1, yo 3 times, K1, yo twice, k1, yo, Repeat from * to end.

Rnd 2: Purl across, dropping all yarnovers as you go.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: Purl.

Rnd 5: K1, *yo, k1, yo twice, k1, yo 3 times, k1, yo twice, k1, yo, k6. Repeat from * to last 9 sts; yo, k1, yo twice, k1, yo 3 times, k1, yo twice, k1, yo, k5.

Rnd 6: As round 2.

Rnd 7: Knit.

Rnd 8: Purl.

Pattern

CO 60 sts using long-tail method. Join and place marker to indicate end of rnd. Work 8 rnds in garter st. Work 2 reps of Drop Stitch Pattern.

Cont working in garter st until piece measures 4.75". Begin decreasing.

Round 1: *K4, k2tog. Rep from * to end.

Round 2: Purl.

Cont decreasing every other round by knitting one less stitch between the decreases, (switching to DPNs when necessary) until 10 sts rem.

Next rnd: K2tog all sts.

Break yarn (leaving enough length) and thread through rem 5 sts using tapestry needle.

Create 2 ear flaps if desired and weave in ends. Attach to hat with buttons.

Optional Ear Flaps

CO 15 sts. Work 2 rows in garter st.

Buttonhole row: K1, k2tog, yo, k4, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, k1.

Work next 9 rows in garter st.

Decrease row: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts rem, k2tog, k1.

Work decrease row every 4th row until 7 sts rem. Work decrease next alternate row (5 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k2tog, pssso (3 sts).

Knit next row.

Begin I-cord with these 3 sts and work until i-cord measures 12". BO all sts and create tassel at the end of the i-cord. Work one row of single crochet around the ear flap.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

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