

ASTRONOMER

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Full coverage slouch hat in heavy wool with folded hem and skinny stripes.



YARN MC: Cascade Eco+ [100% wool; 250g/478yd] Black; 1 skein / CC: Small amount of similar weight yarn in contrasting color

NEEDLES Set of five US size 8 (5mm) double-point needles

NOTIONS Yarn needle, pins

GAUGE 18 sts = 4 inches in stockinette in the round - this is tighter than recommended by the yarn manufacturer. Be sure to knit a swatch and check your gauge!

SIZES Child (Adult M, Adult L)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS Approx. 18 (20, 22) inches in circumference (will stretch)

STRIPE PATTERN K [2 rnds CC, 2 rnds MC] three times, k 2 rnds CC.

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, using long tail cast-on (or other stretchy method), CO 80 (90, 100) sts. Place marker and join to beg working in the round.

Knit 6 rnds.

Next rnd ("turning round" for hem) Purl

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Attach Hem (NOTE: you may sew the hem under by hand during finishing, if desired. Simply skip the next step and knit two rnds MC instead, then begin **STRIPE PATTERN** and cont as written. See **FINISHING** for more details)

Fold hem under at "turning round" toward WS of fabric and pin in place. Insert tip of left needle into the first cast-on stitch at edge of hat, then k this st tog with the next live st as you normally would. Rep across rnd, picking up one cast-on st for every live st and knitting them tog as you work across the round.

Next rnd Knit

Add CC and beg **STRIPE PATTERN**. Break CC. With MC, cont in stockinette st (knit every rnd) until wm 9 (10, 10) inches (or desired length) from "turning round" for hem.



Decrease for top of hat

Dec rnd 1 (K8, k2tog) to end of rnd. 72 (81, 90) sts.

Dec rnd 2 (K7, k2tog) to end of rnd. 64 (72, 80) sts.

Dec rnd 3 (K6, k2tog) to end of rnd. 56 (63, 70) sts.

Dec rnd 4 (K5, k2tog) to end of rnd. 48 (54, 60) sts.

Dec rnd 5 (K4, k2tog) to end of rnd. 40 (45, 50) sts.

Dec rnd 6 (K3, k2tog) to end of rnd. 32 (36, 40) sts.

Dec rnd 7 (K2, k2tog) to end of rnd. 24 (27, 30) sts.

Dec rnd 8 (K 1, k2tog) to end of rnd. 16 (18, 20) sts.

Next rnd K2tog to end of rnd. Remove marker. Break yarn leaving a 12-inch tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through remaining 8 (9, 10) sts and pull yarn tight to close top of hat.

FINISHING

Hand sewing the hem: If you decided not to attach your hem as you knit, turn hem under towards WS of fabric and pin in place. Thread yarn needle with a long length of yarn and hem loosely, making sure the knit fabric still stretches and the hem lies flat. Weave in all ends.