

Weekend Head Warmer

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Our weekends are filled with visiting friends, running left over errands that tend to get pushed to the “next day to-do list”, and lots of family togetherness. With the Ohio cold weather creeping in, I knew that a stylish yet weekend friendly hat was in order. Using super bulky yarn and just simple knit and purl stitches, this hat can easily be executed Friday evening and ready to wear Saturday morning. The basket weave stitch pattern adds an interesting texture and scrunchability to the already slouchiness of the hat. And if you are extra careful with weaving in your ends (which I was not, but that’s tolerable) this hat can be reversible.

If you are beginning to venture into the world of making hats, this pattern is perfect. More adventurous knitters will enjoy the mindless knitting that accommodates this pattern.

Materials:

Yarn: Lion Brand Wool Ease Thick & Quick in 149 Charcoal (108 yds.)

Needles: 16" circular in US Size 11 and US Size 13 (or comparable needles to give you gauge of 2.5 spi on size 13 needles)

Size 13 DPNs

Yarn Needle

Stitch marker

1 Movie (optional)

Gauge: 2.5 sts per inch on size 13 needles

DISCLAIMER: The small print that nobody wants to read but you really should because there is valuable information. DO NOT!!! Sell this pattern, it is *my* pattern and will bring you bad karma if you do sell this pattern (besides, not cool to pass off someone else's work as your own). However, and this is where the fun is, you have my blessing to sell items made from this pattern. As a "thank you" for taking time to enjoy my pattern, and for your hard work.



Begin pattern:

With US Size 11 needles, cast on 40 sts. Join, being careful not to twist.

Round 1: knit

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *k2, p2* repeat from * to * till end.

Continue in established k2, p2 ribbing until piece measures 2" (with stockinette portion curled back onto itself)

Switch to US Size 13 needles and work an increase round

k5, m1 - 48 sts total

Now for the pattern stitch...very easy...simple knits and purls

Round 1: *k4, p4* repeat from * to * till end

Round 2: *k4, p4* repeat from * to * till end

Round 3: *k4, p4* repeat from * to * till end

Round 4: *p4, k4* repeat from * to * till end

Round 5: *p4, k4* repeat from * to * till end

Round 6: *p4, k4* repeat from * to * till end

Work these six rounds of basket weave pattern stitch until piece measures roughly 8" ending with round 6 of stitch pattern.

Begin decreasing. Switch to DPNs at this point.

Round 1: *k2, k2tog, p2, p2tog* repeat from * to * till end

Round 2: *k3, p3* repeat from * to * till end

Round 3: *k1, k2tog, p1, p2tog* repeat from * to * till end

Round 4: *p2, k2* repeat from * to * till end

Round 5: *p2tog, k2tog* repeat from * to * till end

Round 6: *k2tog* repeat from * to * till end

Break yarn and weave through remaining sts. Weave in ends and enjoy!!

Abbreviations:

k	Knit
p	Purl
DPN	Double pointed needles
k2tog	Knit two stitches together
p2tog	Purl two stitches together

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please do not hesitate to contact me.