

SERENDIPITY

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My current love right now is slouchy hats. Possibly because I am a jeans and t-shirt type of gal and slouchy hats insinuate comfort. When I had first designed this hat, I had a basic idea in mind. Nice thick ribbing band, buttons (oh who doesn't love buttons), and slouchy. Somewhere along the lines, my hands knitted out something similar to what I had in mind but superior to my vision.

Hence the name serendipity.....my fortunate accident.

Materials:

**Stitch Nation Alpaca Love (132 yds.) in Espresso Bean (80% wool, 20% alpaca)*

**16" circulars in US sizes 7 and 8*

**Size 8 DPNs*

**2 buttons (size is personal choice - between ¾" and 1" should be suitable)*

**Stitch markers*

**Yarn Needle for seaming*

Gauge: 4.5 sts = 1" on size 8 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.*



Abbreviations Used:

K - knit

p - purl

CO - cast on

BO - bind off

sts - stitches

m1 - make one

pm - place marker

slm - slip marker

sl1 - slip 1 stitch purl wise

psso - pass slip stitch over

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

Begin pattern:

With size 7 needles CO 88 sts using the long tail cast on. Leave a long enough tail for seaming up the placket later. (Roughly 10-12" is sufficient enough.)

WORK BACK & FORTH! Do not join for working in the round.

Row 1: *k2, p2* repeat from * to * till end.

Continue in established 2x2 ribbing until piece measures 3"

Next row: BO the first 8 sts and work across. You can either work across in 2x2 ribbing (as I did) or knit. When at the end of the row, join for working in the round and place marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Switch to size 8 needles and work increase:

Round 1: *k10, m1, pm* repeat from * to * till end (88 sts)

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *k11, m1, slm* repeat from * to * till end (96 sts)

Round 4: knit

You may leave the stitch markers in place to make it easier when it comes time to decrease. If you choose not to, that is okay because the decrease rounds are written out.

Continue knitting until piece measures 7" from cast on edge.

Begin decreasing:

Round 1: *k10, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (88 sts)

Round 2: *k9, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (80 sts)

Round 3: *k8, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (72 sts)

Round 4: *k7, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (64 sts)

Round 5: *k2tog* repeat from * to * till end (32 sts)

Round 6: knit

Round 7: *k2, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (24 sts)

Round 8: *k1, sl1, k1, pss0* repeat from * to * till end (16 sts)

Round 9: *k2tog* repeat from * to * till end (8 sts)

Break yarn and weave in ends.

Finishing:

If you left a long tail, and I hope you did because it makes this task go easy, seam up the placket for the button band. Simply overlap the portion that was bound off and use an overhand stitch to seam up the placket.

Sew on some cute buttons and it is ready to wear around town.

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