

Jesse's Christmas Hat



Malabrigo beanies are *the* popular topper in our house. With the holidays arriving, this hat knits up quickly, leaving you plenty of time for cookie consumption. Or enough time to make another, since your boyfriend wants to keep the first!

Knit using a single skein, it's the perfect opportunity to use the lone ball that called to you.

If you knit a Jesse, please let me know! I'd love to see.

Yarn:

Malabrigo Merino Worsted, 1 skein (216 yards), color Olive

Needles:

US 4 and US 7, in whatever needles you like for circular knitting (double points, magic loop, short circular, two circulars)

As a quick note, I am a very loose knitter, so you may wish to use larger needles; normal people will probably prefer 7s and 9s. Pick needles appropriate to your knitting style and your yarn and gosh, it's a hat. Everything will be great!

Size:

One. The sample fit my (smallish) female head and my boyfriend's (quite substantial) noggin. The ribbing makes it comfortable and stretchy.

Pattern:

Cast on 104 stitches with smaller needle. Join in a round, being careful not to twist, and place marker to indicate end of round.

Round 1: *K1, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat round 1 9 times more for a total of ten rows.

Change to larger needle and work the following rounds:

Round 1: *slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in front, p1, k1tbl from cable needle, slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in back, k1tbl, p1 from cable needle* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *p1, k1tbl twice, p1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 3: *p1, slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in front, k1tbl, k1tbl from cable needle, p1*

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Round 4: as for Round 2

Round 5: *slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in back, k1tbl, p1 from cable needle, slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in front, p1, k1tbl from cable needle*

Round 6 and all following rounds: *K1, P2, K1*

Repeat Round 6 until hat measures 7.25 inches from starting point, around 40 total rounds with the larger needle, then begin decreases as follows:

Round 1: *K1, p2tog, K2, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *K1, P1, K2, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 3: *K1, P1, K2tog, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 4: *K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K1* Repeat from * to * to 6 stitches before end of round, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, leaving one stitch before end of round. Slip next stitch from end of round to beginning, removing and replacing marker as appropriate.

Round 5: *K2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 6: *K2tog* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 7: Repeat Round 6.

13 stitches remain. Break yarn, pull through live stitches twice, then weave in ends. Block if desired; give away if you can!



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