

Columbia Beret

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Materials:

1 skein (200 yds) Imperial Stock Ranch 2-Ply Columbia wool
or other worsted weight woolen-spun yarn

US #7 (4.5mm) needles, 16" circular and set of 4 or 5 dpn's

Gauge: 19 sts and 28 rows = 4" in stockinet stitch

Size: M (fits an average adult woman's head)/L (fits heads 22" or larger)

Directions:

CO 76(84) sts and join to work in the round. *Knit one rnd, purl one rnd* three times to form three ridges of garter st. Next rnd knit and inc 12 sts evenly around: 88(96) sts. Knit one rnd more. Begin inc section:

Rnd 1: *K8, yo* around.

Rnds 2 & 3: Knit.
Rnd 4: *K9, yo* around.
Rnds 5 & 6: Knit.

Continue to increase every third rnd as given, each time knitting one more st before the yo, until you have worked 21(24) rnds (7(8) tiers of yo's). Then begin crown decreases:

Rnd 1: *K13(14), k2tog, yo* around.
Rnd 2: *K12(13), k2tog, k1* around; last k1 is now the first of the new rnd.

Rnd 3: *K12(13), k2tog, yo* around.
Rnd 4: *K11(12), k2tog, k1* around; last k1 is now the 1st st of the new rnd.
Rnd 5: *K11(12), k2tog, yo* around.
Rnd 6: *K10(11), k2tog, k1* around; last k1 is now the 1st st of the new rnd.

Continue to decrease every other rnd as established, noting that stitch count decreases only on even rnds. Work until 12 sts remain, switching to dpn's as necessary.

Divide the 12 sts onto 2 needles. We'll call the front needle N1 and the back needle N2. Slip sts alternately to two new needles, N3 (front) and N4 (back):
N3: 1 st from N2
N4: 1 st from N1



Repeat five times, so that the 12 sts have interlocked and will close the hole at the top of the hat. 6 sts on Needle 3 and 6 sts on Needle 4.

Knit 16 ridges of garter stitch on Needle 3 and BO, then repeat for Needle 4 to form ties. Weave in ends. After washing and blocking, knot the ties in a half-hitch. Hat may be partially (carefully!) full for a precise fit and for warmth.

