

Truffle

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This hat features a very simple and quick to knit lace rib pattern that looks like strings of tiny cables; however, no cable needle or cable knitting experience is necessary for a successful project. The mock cables are actually created with a basic slipped stitch sequence followed by a yarn over in an easy to memorize five row pattern.

The ribbed pattern is very stretchy and will accommodate a large range of sizes; however, it can also be easily scaled up by using a thicker yarn and appropriate needles.

Finished Size: 18" to 22"

Yarn: Any fingering or sport weight yarn; the original was knitted with approximately 185 yards of

Knit Picks Gloss (70% merino wool, 30% silk; 220 yards / 50 grams) **Gauge:** 15 sts / 20 rows = 2" in 2x3 rib pattern knit circularly (not stretched) **Needles:** Size 5 / 3.75 mm circular needle or a set of double pointed needles

Notions: 4 stitch markers

Hat

Cast on 120 stitches; place marker and join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work p2, k3 ribbing all the way around until work measures a minimum of 1" from the edge. For wider rim that can be folded up continue the ribbing for at least another 1" or to desired width; the ribbing on the original hat is 2" wide.

Starting with the next round follow the Wrap Cable pattern and knit seven repeats (35 rows) for a total of 4" in pattern. For a larger hat simply add a few more pattern repeats before starting the decreases.

While working the first decrease round divide the stitches into four equal sections with markers as follows: work 28 stitches in the established pattern, then slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over knit 1 (sl1, k1, psso), place stitch marker. Work 28 stitches, sl1, k1, psso, place marker; repeat the sequence one more time; then work 28 stitches, sl1, k1, psso, arriving at the original stitch marker (four stitches decreased, total of four sections and four stitch markers in place). Continue decreasing four stitches in each round by working the established pattern to two stitches before each marker and then working sl1, k1, psso.

Decrease until 12 stitches remain. Break yarn, thread the tail through the remaining stitches, pull the hole closed tight and weave the tail on the inside of the hat.

Finishing

Weave in any remaining loose ends; block gently, if desired.

Wrap Cable Pattern

(multiple of 5 sts)

Row 1 *P2, sl1, k2, psso; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *P2, k1, yo, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 3 - 5 *P2, k3; rep from * to end.

Rep rows 1-5

Wrap Cable Chart		knit
• • 5	•	purl
• • 4	0	yarn over
0 • 3	X	slip 1, knit 2, pass slipped stitch over knit 2
x • • 1		pattern repeat
		no stitch

