



# Top Down Ear Flap Hat

## Size:

Adult

## Yarn:

1 hank of Cascade 220 Wool

*(My hat weighed 2 oz when completed. A hank of Cascade 220 Wool weighs approx 3.5 oz. Your hat will vary a bit depending on your variations.)*

## Gauge:

4.5 sts per inch

## Needles:

16" circular US#7.

US#7 double points.

*(Optional: 2 circulars can be used, waste yarn)*

## Abbreviations:

K = knit, M1 = make one (knit in front and back of stitch.), W = knit or purl stitch according to pattern established. SSK = slip as if to knit, slip as if to knit, pass slipped stitches back to left needle without undoing twist, k2tog through the back loop.

## NOTES:

This hat is knit from the top down. This makes it very easy to adjust the length of the hat and/or flaps. My personal tips are inserted in parenthesis.



Yarn used Cascade 220 Quatro Moondance #5017

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## Directions:

Cast on 8 sts. Join to form a circle, taking care not to twist the sts. Next round: M1 in each st to total 16 sts. (I cast on 8 sts on a straight needle and did approx 1" of stockinet stitch in contrasting but similar weight yarn. Then split the 8 stitches between 2 circular needles, changed to main yarn and knit 1 row forming a circle being careful not to twist the circle. On second round I did a M1 in each st. Knit main body of hat on 2 circulars.)

INCREASE from top to bottom of hat as follows:

Round 1: Work even on 16 sts.

Round 2: \*K1, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 24 sts.

Round 3: On this row and all odd numbered rows work even.

Round 4: \*K2, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 32 sts.

Round 6: \*K3, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 40 sts.

Round 8: \*K4, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 48 sts.

Round 10: \*K5, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 56 sts.

Round 12: \*K6, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 64 sts.

Round 14: \*K7, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 72 sts.

Round 16: \*K8, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 80 sts.

Round 18: \*K9, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 88 sts. (19.5 inches)

Round 20: \*K10, M1\*, repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sts increased evenly across the row to total 96 sts. (21.3 inches)

Work even on sts until hat is 6" or 1.5" short of length desired. Change to 1x1 rib and work another 1.5".

**BIND OFF & EARFLAPS:** Earflap—with the next stitch being a knit stitch, work 15 sts in established 1x1 rib. (Note: Earflaps begin and end with a knit st.) BO next 33 sts in 1x1 rib. Work next 15 sts of second earflap, which begin and end with a knit st. BO last 33 sts in 1x1 rib. (I found it easier to switch earflaps to double pointed needles at this point.) With right side facing, work back and forth in established 1x1 rib for 1.5" ending with wrong side row. With right side facing, \*W1, K2tog, work until 3 sts remain, SSK, W1, turn.\* Repeat \* to \* 4 more times, ending with a wrong side row. 5 sts remain.

**CORD:** Begin cord knitting over these 5 sts. (a 5 st cord is a little thicker. I liked it. Once you've knit a round or two of cord, K2tog to make a 4 stitch thinner cord if you prefer.) Slide cord stitches to other end of double point needle. Right side facing you. Pull yarn around back side of knitting thus causes a "float" across the wrong side of fabric. K1, slightly tugging, k 4. \*DO NOT TURN. Instead slide stitches to other end of the double point needle. Pull yarn around back side of knitting thus causes a "float" across the wrong side of fabric. K1, slightly tugging, k 4. DO NOT TURN. Instead slide stitches to other end of the double point needle.\* Repeat \* to \*. After a few rounds, you will see your knitting close up into a tube. Work cord to length desired. BO stitches or using tapestry needle, cut yarn and draw stitches up, tie off and run tail back up through tube. Work knot in bottom of cord if desired.

**FINISHING:** Pick up cast on sts at crown and pull up. (if you cast on with waste yarn, use tapestry needle gather the 8 up and tie off.) Attach a pom pom if desired.