

ZACK'S HAT

A *Lauriginal* pattern by Laura L Yona

Materials

MC = 1 ball Louisa Harding Grace Silk & Wool

CC = app. 20yds sport weight alpaca (I used a dk grey from Henry's Attic) (Note: You may skip the CC and just use MC for all stitches if desired.)

Size 7 needles or size to get gauge (pattern is worked circularly – you may use DPNs, Magic Loop, or two circs, as you prefer)

Size

Finished circumference = 15"



Gauge

5st = 1" in 2x1 rib

Instructions

With CC, cast on 75. Join, place marker, and work 3 rnds st st. Next round, begin K2, P1 rib. Continue in K2, P1 rib until hat is 4 inches from bottom edge (Note: Do NOT unroll CC edging when measuring!). Work decreases as follows:

Rnd 1: *K2tog, P1, repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 2: Work stitches as they appear

Rnd 3: *K2tog, repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 4: Work stitches as they appear

Turn hat inside out and distribute remaining stitches evenly along two needles. You will have an uneven number of stitches, resulting in one extra stitch on one needle. Use 3 needle bind off to close top of hat. When you get to the end of the stitches, you will have 2 stitches on one needle and one stitch on the other needle. Knit all three stitches together for the last stitch of the bind off.

Weave in ends. If desired, make two 4" braids from CC and thread through the corners of the hat, then tie in knots. You may also use CC to create tassels or pompoms – go wild!