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TC's Cozy Hat

An original design by Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

Finished measurement: 20-inch circumference

Note: TC's head measures 21 ½-inches. The hat will fit would fit a 19-21 ½-inch head circumference. The hat has a snug fit.

Yarn: Spud & Chloë Outer (65% superwash wool, 35% organic cotton; 100 grams/60 yards), 1 skein each in Flannel #7201, Bayou #7207 and Soapstone #7200

Needles: US size 15 sixteen-inch circular and set of 4 double-pointed needles or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 2 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials:

Tape measure
Stitch markers
Yarn needle
Scissors
Sewing needle
Thread to match braided trim

Abbreviations:

k knit
p purl
k2tog knit 2 stitches together
ssk slip 2 stitches as if to knit and separately then knit the 2 slipped stitches together through the back loop
st(s) stitch(es)
rnd(s) round(s)

**Hat:**

With Bayou and the circular needle, cast on 40 stitches. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnds 1-4: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the round

Switch to Flannel.

Note: Carry the two colors on the inside of the hat making sure not to pull too tight.

Rnds 5-8: knit

Switch to Bayou.

Rnds 9-12: knit

Repeat rounds 5-12 until the hat measures 8 inches from the cast on edge.

Note: The hat is long and there is extra room at the top, which you can see in the photo. If you don't want the extra length at the top you can start the decrease rounds at 7 inches.



Decrease rounds:

Continue in the stripe pattern and work onto double-pointed needles.

Rnd 1: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (30 stitches remain)

Rnd 2: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (20 stitches remain)

Rnd 3: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (10 stitches remain)

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Pull the end to the inside and weave in. Weave in all ends on the inside and trim.

Earflap (make 2):

Lay the hat flat with the back of the hat being where the yarn is carried up or the first stitch of the round at the back of the hat. Measure in 1 ½ inches from the back edge of the hat and place a stitch marker. Measure in 4 inches from the front of the hat and place a stitch marker.

Using 2 double-pointed needles to work back and forth and Bayou, pick up 8 stitches between the markers.

Row 1: purl

Row 2: knit

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the earflap measures 2 inches from the pick up row ending with a purl row.

Decrease rows:

Row 1: ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, k2tog (6 sts remain)

Row 2: purl

Row 3: ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, k2tog (4 sts remain)

Row 4: purl

Bind off. Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch. Weave in all ends to the inside and trim.

Repeat on the other side of the hat lining up the second earflap with the first earflap.

**Braided trim:**

With Soapstone cut six 56-inch strands. With three strands tie an over-hand knot in the end. Braid to the end and tie the other end with an over-hand knot. Repeat with the remaining 3 strands.

Starting at the bottom of one of the earflaps with one of the braids, leave about an 8-inch tie hanging down from the earflap. Pin the braid around the edge of the hat and around the opposite earflap and continue back to where you started. Leave the end hanging down for the second tie on this earflap.

Note: The ties on the sample are different lengths. If you would like them the same length you can re-tie the knot and trim the ends. I left them uneven.

With the sewing needle and matching thread, whipstitch the braided trim to the edge of the hat.

Repeat with the second braid starting at the bottom of the opposite earflap. Layer the second braid on top of the first braid. With the needle and thread whipstitch the second braid to the edge of the hat.

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