

Felted Rolled Brim Hat

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Pattern:

Using one strand of each yarn, cast on 101 stitches. 100 stitches for the hat and an extra stitch to join the knitting on the first row.

Join the stitches together without twisting them. To do this take the first stitch that you cast on and slip it to the other needle. It is now on the needle in your right hand. Look and see that the stitches are all lying flat with no twists. With the needle in your left hand, go into the second stitch on the needle in your right hand. Pick it up and slide it over the first stitch and off the needle. Now move that first stitch back to the left hand needle. You have just joined your knitting.

Place marker. Purl until you have 2". Stop when you get to the marker.

Decrease 10 sts on the next row. P8, P2tog to end of row.

Change to #11 needles and purl even for 3 additional inches – total of 5".

Decrease 20 sts on the next row. K3, K2tog, K2, K2tog.

Knit even for 8 more inches for a total of 13".

Change to double pointed needles.

Row 1: K2tog, K5 to end of row (60 sts).

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: K2, K2tog to end of row (45 sts).

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: K2tog, K1 to end of row (30 sts).

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: k2tog, K2tog, to end of row (15 stitches).

Using a tapestry needle, run through remaining stitches and pull to inside. Tie a very tight knot and weave in end. The hat will be very large. You will felt it to fit your head. Work in any other ends.

Felting:

Partially fill your washing machine with hot water. Add a small amount of mild detergent (liquid dish soap will work). Place your hat into in an enclosed laundry bag or pillowcase to felt better place the bag in the washing machine.

Set the machine for its longest cycle. As the hat agitates, check from time to time for the amount of felting (about every 5 minutes). Keep agitating the hat until you are satisfied that it is thoroughly felted. Stretch the damp hat over a suitable sized form. Mold it with your hands until it looks right to you. The hat should fit the form snugly. Let it dry, patting and adjusting it whenever you have the urge. Wool likes to be felt.

Notes:

Stop the machine whenever you place your hand or any object into it. Do not allow washing machine to enter the spin cycle.



Finished Sizes:

Adult Medium (felt to fit)

Yarn:

Knit Picks *Wool of the Andes* (100% Peruvian Wool; 110 yds/50 grms): Winter Night 23422, 2 balls.

Knit Picks *Sock Landscape* (100% Merino Wool; 192 yds/50 grms): Rocky Mountain Dusk 23477, 2 hanks.

Needles:

Size 11: 16" circular

Size 11: dpns, set of 5

Size 13: 16" circular. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions:

stitch marker

Gauge:

2.5-3 = 1" before felting. Check your gauge before you begin.



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| Abbreviations | | cm | centimeter(s) | P, p | purl | skp | sl, k, pss0: 1 st dec |
| " | inches | cn | cable needle | p2tog | purl 2 sts together | sl | slip |
| () | rep inst bet ()'s as many times as noted afterward | CO | cast on | pat | pattern | sl st | slip stitch(es) |
| * | rep inst foll single * as directed | cont | continue | pm | place marker | sl1k | slip 1 kwise |
| ** | rep inst bet **'s as many times as noted after | dec | decrease(es) | pop | popcorn | sl1p | slip 1 pwise |
| [] | rep inst bet []'s as many times as noted after | dpn | double pointed needles | pr | previous row | SSK | sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog |
| alt | alternate | fl | front loop(s) | prev | previous | sssk | sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog |
| approx | approximately | foll | follow(s)(ing) | pss0 | pass slipped stitch over | st st | stockinette stitch |
| beg | begin/beginning | Inst | instructions | pwise | purlwise | sts | stitch(es) |
| bet | between | K, k | knit | R | row | tbl | through back loop |
| BO | bind off | k2tog | knit two sts together | rem | remain(ing) | tfl | through front loop |
| CA | color A | kwise | knitwise | rep | repeat | tog | together |
| CB | color B | LH | left hand | Rev st st | reverse stockinette stitch | WE | work even |
| CC | color C | lps | loops | RH | right hand | WS | wrong side |
| | | m | meter | rnd(s) | round(s) | wyib | with yarn in back |
| | | M1 | make one stitch | RS | right side | wyif | with yarn in front |
| | | MC | main color | sk | skip | yd(s) | yard(s) |
| | | mm | millimeter(s) | sk2p | sl 1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over | yfwd | yarn forward |
| | | ndl(s) | needle(s) | | | yo | yarn over |
| | | oz | ounce | | | yon | yarn over needle |
| | | P up | pick up and purl | | | yrn | yarn around needle |