

Curmudgeonly Hat

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The Curmudgeonly Hat is the kind of hat your old neighbor used to wear on his daily walks around the block, shaking his finger at “those darn kids” and their shenanigans. Now you can play up your oldster chic in this houndstooth patterned bucket hat perfect for days when you feel grumpy, yet still stylish! The bucket-hat shape with slight flared brim shades your eyes from the winter sun, while the oversized houndstooth check makes the piece crisp and modern.

SIZE

One size fits most

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: 7 inches

Circumference: 26 inches at flared brim, 22 inches at beginning of main hat body

MATERIALS

MC: Sandnes Garn Peer Gynt [100% wool; 98 yds/50g]; color: gray; 2 skeins

CC: Sandnes Garn Peer Gynt [100% wool; 98 yds/50g]; color: navy; 1 skein

2 16-inch US #6/4.0 mm circular needles

1 set US#6/4.0 mm dpns

1 Tapestry needle

Crochet hook for provisional cast-on

Waste yarn for provisional cast-on

Stitch marker

GAUGE

23 sts/27 rows = 4 inches in pattern stitch

PATTERN NOTES

Hat is worked in the round on circular needles. In shaping crown, switch to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Flared brim is created by knitting twice the width of the brim and folding over the fabric. No increases, decreases or needle-size changes required. If you do not want the brim to flare, go down one or two needle sizes when knitting the brim.

Houndstooth pattern:

Row 1: k1 CC, k3 MC

Row 2: k3 MC, k1 CC

Row 3: k2 CC, k1 MC, k1 CC

Row 4: k1 CC, k1 MC, k2 CC



DIRECTIONS

Provisional cast-on:

Using crochet hook and waste yarn, chain approximately 140 loops.

Pick up 120 and knit stitches for bucket-hat brim.

Flared brim:

Join ends, careful not to twist. Place marker to indicate beginning of round.

Knit in stockinette for two inches, or twice desired length of flared brim.

When piece is 2 inches long, "unzip" provisional cast-on, placing provisional stitches on second circular needle.

Hold circular needles together as when performing a three-needle bindoff. Ktog first stitch from first needle and first stitch from second needle. Do the same for remaining stitches. The result will be a double-thickness brim and 120 stitches on the needle, ready to begin the hat body.

Houndstooth body:

Knit in Houndstooth pattern until hat reaches desired length (approx 6.5 inches from bottom edge of brim).

Crown-shaping:

Row 1: *Continue houndstooth pattern for 23 sts, k2tog in MC* repeat to end

Row 2: *Continue houndstooth pattern for 22 sts, k2tog in MC* repeat to end

Continue to decrease in this way, subtracting one stitch from the number of stitches worked before k2tog each round, until you are left with 10 sts on needles. Switch to DPNS when round circumference becomes too small for circular needle.

When only 10 sts are left, break yarn, draw through rem sts and pull tight.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block and wear.