

Tasseled Hat

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Project Requirements

- Yarn* Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Cotton, color #619 (Tomato), 1 skein.
- Needles* Size 7 (4.5 mm) and Size 9 (5.5 mm) 16" circular needles. Cable needle.
- Notions* Sewing needle, waste yarn, and stitch markers.
- Gauge* Approximately 18 sts and 25 rows = 4" (10 cm) with Size 9 needles.

Pattern Description

This pattern is knit bottom-up and in the round, beginning with a tubular cast-on and one inch of k1p1 ribbing on the smaller needles. Then, switching to larger needles, the body is knitted in the 8-row alternating cable pattern until the piece measures 7.5" from the cast-on edge.

The stitch markers are used to separate 6 stitches at each side of the hat, from the front and back of the body. These 6 stitches are gathered together, creating two points at the end. The front and back stitches are grafted together. Then, to finish, tassels are inserted to the ends of the hat.

Finished Size About 7.5" (19 cm) tall and 8.5" (21 cm) wide.

Notes

To complete this pattern, you need to know how to cast on stitches using a tubular or kitchener cast-on, graft stitches together with kitchener stitch, and make tassels.

There are many tutorials available, but the Italian Tubular Cast-on is the easiest and the one I remember best.¹

The front and back stitches are grafted together using kitchener stitch at the top of the hat. Theresa Vinson Stenerson provides a tutorial for kitchener grafting on Knitty.com's Techniques with Theresa.²

These tassels were made with approximately 25 wraps of the yarn around an index card cut to measure 3.5" tall and 3" wide and with a 0.5"

¹A tutorial for the Italian Tubular Cast-on can be found at: http://www.fluffbuff.com/2006/07/tubular_caston_without_the_was_1.html.

²Theresa's tutorial: <http://www.knitty.com/issuesummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>.

tall slot cut 0.5" down from the top of the card.³

Stitch Guide

C6F Slip 3 stitches to cable needle and hold to front of work, k3, k3 from cable needle.

C6B Slip 3 stitches to cable needle and hold to back of work, k3, k3 from cable needle.

s11wyib Slip 1 stitch purl-wise, holding yarn behind the st.

s11wyif Slip 1 stitch purl-wise, holding yarn in front of the st.

Instructions



Cable Pattern

Multiples of 20 sts.

Row 1-2 *K2, p1, k6, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 3 *K2, p1, C6F, p1, k2 p1, C6B, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 4-8 Same as Rows 1-2.

Bottom

With the smaller needles, CO 80 sts using a tubular cast-on. The first two rows are worked flat:

Row 1 *K1, s11wyif; repeat from * to end.

Row 2 *K1, s11wyif; repeat from * to end.

Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

³A tutorial for making tassels: <http://www.nezumiworld.com/crochet.057.htm>.

Next Rnd *K1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Continue in k1,p1 ribbing for 5 more rounds. Change to larger needles.

Body

Beginning with Row 1 of the cable pattern, place markers as follows:

Rnd 1 (Front) k33 in Cable Pattern, pm, k6, pm, (back) continue in Cable Pattern to last 7 sts, pm, k6, pm, p1.

Repeat Rows 1-8 of the Cable Pattern 5 times, or until piece measure 7.5" from the cast-on edge. *Next Rnd* Distribute the sts so that the first 33 sts are on one needle (front), place next 6 sts on waste yarn, place the next 34 stitches onto another needle (back), place the next 6 sts on waste yarn, and slide the last stitch onto the front needle.

Graft the front and back together Beginning with the right edge of the hat, use yarn threaded into a sewing needle to insert through the 6 sts. Gather the stitches together, as you would to finish the top of a hat. Remove waste yarn from the 6 sts. Using kitchener stitch, graft the front 34 sts and back 34 sts together. After grafting and using the same length of yarn, insert the sewing needle through the last 6 sts to gather them together as you did the other side.

Cut the yarn and weave in the loose ends on the inside of the hat.

Finishing

Insert the tassels into the center of the gathered sts at each side of the hat. Knot the inside to hold the tassel in place. Block the hat.

