



Warm Thrummed Hat

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What you will need:

6 ounces worsted weight yarn
3 ounces washed locks – 6 inch staple
US#6 – 16 inch circular, double
points
Row counter
Stitch markers

Gauge: about 4 ½ sts per inch

LEGEND

K = knit

K1T = Knit 1 stitch with your thrum – Take the thrum, slightly twist it in the center and bend it in half. When you place your right needle through the stitch on the left needle, place the center of the folded lock over the right needle, wrap your yarn and bring your stitch through both the thrum and the stitch.

***NOTE: There is another way of knitting the thrums into the hat, where you actually knit into the thrum by itself, causing the thrum to make a () as a regular stitch. It does look pretty, and you will see this often with thrummed garments, however, the problem I have is with long term use. If the thrum knit in this manner gets pulled out of the hat, it will cause a dropped stitch that will ravel. In the method that I give above, the thrummed stitch only shows one arm such as) on the surface of the hat, but in this case, if the thrum gets pulled out, it will not cause a dropped stitch.*

Sts = stitches

PM = place marker on the needle

K2tog = knit two stitches together

sIM = slip marker

BEGIN HAT PATTERN

Cast On 90sts

Join, marking the center, and knit each round until you have worked 2 inches of stockinette. This is the brim and it will roll.

Tear off your washed locks in segments that when softly twisted, approximates the diameter of your yarn.

HAT PATTERN ROWS

1. FIRST THURM ROW: * K5, K1T * repeat * to * around
2. Knit 6 rows
3. SECOND THURM ROW: K2, K1T, * K5, K1T * repeat * to *, ending K3
4. Knit 6 rows

Repeat these 4 pattern steps until the hat measure 4 to 5 inches from the first thrum row you knitted. 4 inches for a smaller hat and 5 inches for a larger one.

Here are the decrease rows ONLY. You will do these rows adding the thrums exactly as you have in the top pattern steps, while doing the decreases. *When the stitch count gets too small for your circular needle, change over to your double pointed needles.*

ROW 1 (decrease round): * K13, K2tog, PM * repeat *.* around

ROW 2: KNIT

Repeat these two rows and on EACH decrease round, knit to within 2 sts of the marker, k2tog, s1M

Continue in this manner until there are 6 stitches total between the markers. Knit the decrease round EACH round until there are only 2 sts between markers.

K2tog all around, cut yarn leaving 6 inch tail and run through remaining sts to close hole. Carry to the inside and darn in.

LAUNDERING YOUR HAT

Wash your hat by soaking in a good wool wash. Squeeze out gently, roll in a towel and remove the excess water. Turn the hat inside out to dry. After wear and many washings the wool may mat down. After the hat is completely dry, hold the locks at the base where they connect to the fabric, and use a flick carder on the tips to fluff the locks.

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