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Braided Cable Hat



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This hat is quick to knit and would make a good project for anyone wanting to learn simple cabling skills. The small amount of provisional cast-on and special knit/purl grafting technique make it a good project for trying methods that may be new to the less experienced knitter. With Cascade 220's huge variety of colors, this a good go-to pattern for any color you might have in mind.

Size: Medium

Finished Measurements: 20" circumference

Yarn: Cascade 220 (100% wool, 220 yards/201 meters/100 grams); color: 8906 Azur; 160 yards.

Needles:

1 pair US #7/4.5mm straight needles
1 6-inch US #7/4.5mm circular needles
1 set US #7/4.5mm double-pointed needles

Notions: waste yarn in same weight but different color as pattern yarn, cable needle, stitch holder, tapestry needle

Gauge:

19 sts/27 rounds = 4" in st st
2 braid repeats = 1.25"

Pattern Notes:

The cabled cuff is worked first using a provisional cast-on. When it reaches the desired length, its ends are grafted together to form a circle. The stockinette stitch body is picked up from the completed cuff and worked in the round from the cuff to the top.

The knit stitches at the edges of the cuff are designed to curl under naturally. This allows for the cuff to form a smooth edge to frame the wearer's face. The unequal number of edge stitches allows for the cuff to appear centered once the body has been knitted. The cuff is turned up to complete the hat.

Special Abbreviations:

Cn = cable needle
C4F = Sl next 2 sts to cn, hold in front; k2 sts from left-hand needle, then k2 from cn
C4B = Sl next 2 sts to cn, hold in back; k2 sts from left-hand needle, then k2 from cn
Ndl = needle
PM = place marker

Cabled Cuff Pattern (panel of 19 sts)

Row 1: (WS) P6, k2, p6, k2, p3.

Row 2: (RS) K3, p2, C4F, k2, p2, k6.

Row 3: P6, k2, p6, k2, p3.

Row 4: K3, p2, k2, C4B, p2, k6.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for pattern.

Cabled Cuff Chart

	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
3							●	●	↘	↘					●	●				4
2							●	●		↘	↘				●	●				2
1							●	●							●	●				

Legend:

□	Knit on RS, purl on WS
●	Purl on RS, knit on WS
↘	C4F on RS, purl on WS
↙	C4B on RS, purl on WS

Cuff:

Using straight needles and a provisional cast-on method with waste yarn, cast on 19 sts. Your cast-on sts will count as the first row in the Cabled Cuff Pattern. Once you've cast on, start the pattern on Row 2.

Work in Cabled Cuff Pattern until piece measures 20" ending with Row 4. You should have 32 repeats.

Cut yarn, leaving about a 15" tail, but do not bind off.

Slip sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn.

Block the center section of the cuff piece, leaving the edge sts to curl under naturally.

Carefully remove waste yarn from provisional cast-on, slipping live sts onto needle.

On other end of piece, slip sts from stitch holder or waste yarn onto needle.

Graft the ends together in pattern. (See end of pattern for detailed instructions).

Hat:

Using circular needles, with RS facing you, and 6-stitch edge at top of work, pick up and knit 96 sts evenly. (You will be picking up about 3 out of 4 edge sts.)

PM to mark beg of round.

Knit 4 rounds.

Work next round as: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.

You will now turn your work so that you are working in the opposite direction. When the hat's cuff is folded up, it will hide what now is viewed as the purl side, and stockinette will show above the cuff.

At end of round, turn work. Bring yarn to back. Knit to last st. When you get to the last st, slip st onto right-hand needle. With tip of right-hand needle, lift up the st below the next st (the

first st of the next round). Slip both sts from the right-hand needle back onto the left-hand needle and k2tog to close the gap that formed when you turned the work.

Knit until piece measures 5.5" from the picked up sts.

Shape Top:

Note: Change to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Round 1: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end. [84 sts remain]

Rounds 2 & 3: Knit.

Round 4: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end. [72 sts remain]

Round 5 and all odd rounds: Knit.

Round 6: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [60 sts remain]

Round 8: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [48 sts remain]

Round 10: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [36 sts remain]

Round 12: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts remain]

Round 13: K2tog around. [12 sts remain]

Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail. Pull through rem sts to close the hole.

Finishing:

Weave in ends.

Fold up cuff so that top and bottom edges are equal.

Links to Techniques:

If you haven't made cables before, or would like a refresher, please visit the AudKnits channel on YouTube for a video demonstration. You can find it [linked here](#) or at url http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1yHT3_EKjY

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GRAFTING IN PATTERN

The ends of the braided cable cuff will be on your needles. Hold your work so that the right side (the one with the cable) faces out. Make sure there are no twists in the cuff. Both needle tips should point to the right. The cuff end that you originally casted on will be closest to you; it is the front needle. The end that you finished with is the back needle; the tail that you saved will be at the right-hand edge tip of the back needle. Thread a tapestry needle with the tail and graft as follows:

1. Insert tapestry needle into first st on front ndl as if to purl. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to knit.
2. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to purl.
3. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to knit.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 a total of five times, or up to the last knitted edge st. Then, starting with the last edge st:

1. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to knit.
2. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to purl.
3. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to purl.
4. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to knit.

The next section covers the knitted sts from the cable:

1. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to purl.
2. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to knit.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 a total of five times, or up to the last knitted st of the cable. Then, starting with the last cable st:

1. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to knit.
2. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to purl.
3. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to purl.
4. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to knit.

Now you should be at the second edge section. Finish it as you did the other knitted sts:

1. Insert needle into first st on front ndl as if to knit and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on front needle as if to purl.
2. Insert needle into first st on back ndl as if to purl and drop this st. Insert needle into next st on back needle as if to knit.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 until all remaining sts have been grafted.