

Traveling Cable Hat in Super Soft Merino



MATERIALS

- 1 skein of Purl Soho's Super Soft Merino, 100% merino. I used the colors Pink Grapefruit and Yellow Zest.
- A US #11, 16-inch [circular needle](#)
- A US #13, 16-inch [circular needle](#)
- A set of US #13 [double pointed needles](#)
- 2 stitch markers, different colors

GAUGE

Ribbing: 11 stitches = 4 inches in K2, P2 rib (unstretched), using the smaller needles

Body: 14 stitches = 4 inches in cable stitch pattern, using the larger needles

SIZE

Kids: To fit head circumference 18-21 inches

Finished Measurements: Height is 10 ½ inches; Ribbing Circumference is 15 1/2 inches; Body Circumference is 17 inches

ABBREVIATIONS

Left Cross (LC): Slip 3 knit stitches to cable stitch holder and hold in front of work, p1 from left hand needle, k3 from cable stitch holder.

Right Cross (RC): Slip 1 purl stitch to cable stitch holder and hold in back of work, k3 from left hand needle, p1 from cable stitch holder.

Cable 6 Front (C6F): Slip 3 knit stitches to cable stitch holder and hold in front of work, k3 from left hand needle, k3 from cable stitch holder.

Cable 6 Back (C6B): Slip 3 knit stitches to cable stitch holder and hold in back of work,

k3 from left hand needle, k3 from cable stitch holder.

Cable 4 Front (C4F): Slip 2 knit stitches to cable stitch holder and hold in front of work, k2 from left hand needle, k2 from cable stitch holder.

How to Make a Left Cross (LC)



When you get to a Left Cross (LC), you will have 3 knit stitches on the left hand needle.



Slip these three knit stitches purlwise to a cable stitch holder. ("Purlwise" means to insert the right needle into each stitch as if you were purling it.)

Keep the cable stitch holder at the front of the work.



Purl one stitch from the left hand needle.



Slide the slipped stitches to the other end of the cable needle. (Do not spin the cable needle or try to knit the stitches from the same end that you used to slip the stitches.) Now knit the 3 stitches from the cable stitch holder.

How to Make a Right Cross (RC)

Making the Right Cross is like making a Left Cross in reverse.

When you get to a Right Cross, you will have 1 purl stitch followed by 3 knit stitches on the left hand needle. You will...

Slip the purl stitch from the left hand needle onto a cable stitch holder; hold the cable stitch holder to the back of your work; knit the 3 stitches from the left hand needle; purl the stitch from the cable stitch holder.

PATTERN

RIBBING

With smaller needle, cast on 42 stitches.

Place a marker and join to work in the round, being careful to not twist the stitches.

Round 1: *P1, [k2, p2] 4 times, k3, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Round 1 until ribbing measures 4 inches from cast on edge.

Next Round: *Purl into front and back (pfb), [k1, make 1 right (m1r), k1, p2] 3 times, k1, m1r, k1, pfb, p1, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [60 stitches]

BODY

Switching to the larger circular needle...

Round 1: [P2, k3] 4 times, p3, k6, p1, place marker, [P2, k3] 4 times, p3, k6, p1. (This marker will help you keep track of the 30-stitch repeat.)

Round 2: *[P2, LC, RC] 2 times, p3, C6F, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3: *P3, [k6, p4] 2 times, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 4: *P3, [C6F, p4] 2 times, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 5: *P3, [k6, p4] 2 times, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 6: *[P2, RC, LC] 2 times, p3, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 7: *[P2, k3] 4 times, p3, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 8: *P1, RC, p2, LC, RC, p2, LC, p2, C6F, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 9: *P1, k3, p4, k6, p4, k3, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 10: *P1, k3, p4, C6B, p4, k3, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 11: *P1, k3, p4, k6, p4, k3, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 12: *P1, [LC, p2, RC] 2 times, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 one more time.

The hat should now measure approximately 8 inches from the cast on edge.

CROWN DECREASES

NOTE: Change to double pointed needles when the work becomes too tight to fit around the circular needle.

Round 1: *P3, k2, ssk, k2, p4, k2, ssk, k2, p2tog, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [54 stitches]

Round 2: *P3, k2, ssk, k1, p4, k2, ssk, k1, p3, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [50 stitches]

Round 3: *P3, k2, ssk, p4, k2, ssk, p3, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [46 stitches]

Round 4: *P1, p2tog, k2, ssk, p2, k2tog, k2, p2tog, p1, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [38 stitches]

Round 5: *P2, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, p2, k6, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [34 stitches]

Round 6: *P2, k2, k2tog, k2, p2, C6F, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [32 stitches]

Round 7: *P2tog, k1, k2tog, k2, p2, k1, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [24 stitches]

Round 8: *P1, k2tog, k2, p2, k4, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [22 stitches]

Round 9: *P1, k2tog, k1, p2, k4, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [20 stitches]

Round 10: *K2tog, k1, p2, C4F, p1, repeat from * to end of round. [18 stitches]

Round 11: *K1, ssk, k2tog, k2, ssk, repeat from * to end of round. [12 stitches]

Round 12: [K2tog] 6 times. [6 stitches]

Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and sew it through the remaining stitches twice. Pull tight to close the hole at the crown. Bring the tail to the inside of the hat and weave it in. Weave in any remaining ends and enjoy your Traveling Cable Hat!