

Phoebe

by Jessie Blum



I always wear my hair up – and unless I want a rather unfashionable lump underneath my stocking cap, my head remains cold and slightly damp. The answer? A warm wool hat somewhere between a cap and a headband. Slight shaping at the top ensures a snug fit, and it keeps not only your ears warm, but most of your head as well. And the best part? Your pony-tail is free!

Knit it in your favorite worsted weight yarn, though wool would be the warmest. The colors of Noro Kureyon make the hat fun and different than every other striped hat this winter.

The only hard part is keeping the pattern when decreasing – just make sure that you're knitting the purls and purling the knits to keep the seed stitch going. The cap stretches a lot – make it an inch or so smaller than your own head circumference for a good fit.

SIZE

Adult S [M, L]

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 18.5 [20, 21.5]

MATERIALS

[MC] Noro Kureyon [100% wool; 100/m per 50g skein];
color: #95; 1 skein

1 set US #7/4.5mm double-point needles
1 16-inch US #7/4.5mm circular needle
1 US #9/5.5mm needle (for casting off)

Tapestry needle

Stitch markers

GAUGE

18 sts/30 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch, on US #7

PATTERN

Bottom Band

CO 77[84, 91] sts, join, and PM. Work in seed st for 1.75 inches.

Body

Switch to St st. Work 2.75 inches in St st.

Top Band

Switch back to seed st. PM every 11[12, 13] sts Work in seed st for 1 inch.

Decrease Rounds

During decrease rounds, switch to DPNs, if necessary.

Work decrease rounds as follows:

*In seed stitch, work to 2 sts before marker. K2tog, pass marker. Repeat from * through round.

Knit one round in seed stitch.

Repeat these two rounds a total of 4 times – 49[56, 63] sts on needle.



FINISHING

BO loosely, in pattern, using US9 needle. Weave in all ends, put your hair up, and go brave the storm.

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