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## #92 one skein braided cable hat

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### FINISHED HAT CIRCUMFERENCE:

16 ½" [42 cm] unstretched; Stretches to 25" [63.5 cm]. 8 ½" [21.5 cm] height.

One size fits most adults.

### KNITTING LEVEL:

Easy/Intermediate

### TECHNIQUES USED:

- ❖ **k** - knit
- ❖ **p** - purl
- ❖ **k-inc** - inc 1 st by knitting into the front and back of the st
- ❖ **p-inc** - inc 1 st by purling into the front and back of the st
- ❖ **k2tog** - knit 2 sts together
- ❖ **p2tog** - purl 2 sts together
- ❖ **working in the Round**
- ❖ **Braided Cable Twist** over 6 sts, explained below
- ❖ **C4B** - cable 4 back, explained below
- ❖ **C4F** - cable 4 front, explained below

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A simple braided cable pattern makes this bold hat a real eye-catcher. Chunky cables all around, in a soft, lofty yarn that surrounds your head in stylish warmth.

Ribbed bottom band for great fit. AND this pattern only uses ONE SKEIN (actually, one hank) of yarn! It's also a quick and seamless knit on size 10.5 double-pointed needles.

An impressive gift that you can crank out quickly. A great design for men and women.

## MATERIALS

- ❖ A bulky weight yarn in a soft wool/acrylic blend:  
**Approximate total yardage required:** 137 yds [125 m]. Please visit this pattern at [SweaterBabe.com](http://SweaterBabe.com) for yarn suggestions, photos of finished projects, etc.  
**Shown In:**  
 Knit Picks Swish Bulky (100% Superwash Merino Wool); 3.5 oz/100 g [137 yds/125 m] per hank): 1 hank in Squirrel Heather #23511
- ❖ 1 set of 5 double-pointed needles in Size 10 ½ (6.5 mm) OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- ❖ Cable needle
- ❖ Stitch markers

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- ❖ Yarn tapestry needle

## GAUGE

- ❖ Widest part of 14-st braided cable = 2 3/8" [6 cm] in width and 20 rows/rounds = 4" [10 cm] in Braided Cable Stitch on size 10 1/2 [6.5 mm] needles.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE

## STITCH PATTERN USED

**NOTE:** To work the "2 p sts from the cable needle", first slip them from the left end of the cable needle to your left needle tip, leaving the 2 k sts on the cable needle. Then, p them off of your left needle tip.

### BRAIDED CABLE PANEL (when worked in the Round)

Worked over 14 sts:

**Rounds 1 through 4 [RS]:** K2, [p2, k2] 3 times.

**Round 5 [RS – Cable Twist]:** \*Sl 4 sts onto cable needle and hold in **front**, k2, p the 2 p sts from cable needle, k the 2 sts from cable needle\*, p2, rep from \* to \* once more.

**Rounds 6 through 10:** Repeat Round 1.

**Round 11 [Cable Twist]:** K2, p2, sl 4 sts onto cable needle and hold in **back**, k2, p the 2 p sts from cable needle, k the 2 sts from cable needle, p2, k2.

**Round 12:** Repeat Round 1.

Repeat these 12 Rounds for pattern.

## NOTES

- 1) **"C4B" (Cable 4 back):** slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold in **back** of work, knit next 2 sts from left-hand needle, then knit 2 sts from cable needle.
- 2) **"C4F" (Cable 4 front):** slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold in **front** of work, knit next 2 sts from left-hand needle, then knit 2 sts from cable needle.

## KNITTING THE HAT

Co 58 sts over 3 double-pointed needles (e.g. 20 sts on needles #1 and #2 and 18 sts on needle #3). Join in the round with a stitch marker to mark end of each Round.

### Work in 1x1 Ribbing:

**Round 1 [RS]:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* around.

**Rounds 2 through 7:** Rep Round 1.

### Inc Sts and Establish Seven Braided Cable Panels:

**Round 8 [Inc 54 sts]:** [K-inc, p-inc] 27 times, k2, p2 = 112 sts.

**Round 9:** \*K2, [p2, k2] 3 times, p2, place marker (use a different color marker than the end of Round marker); rep from \* 6 more times, omitting new marker on last repeat.

### NOTES:

- 1) The markers just added are to help visually separate the 14-st braided cable panels by marking **the beginning ONLY** of each 14-st group. There are seven 14-st panels, separated by 2 purl sts. The markers can be omitted if you wish.

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- 2) "sm" – the slip marker instruction is not always included in the instructions below for the end of Round marker. Just slip it as you start each Round, if you haven't already.
- 3) At this point, you can also redistribute the 112 sts over 4 dpns (28 sts per needle) so you don't risk sts coming off the ends of your needles.

**Rounds 10 and 11:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Round 12 [Cable Twist]:** [Work Round 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm, Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm] 3 times, Work Row 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2.

**Rounds 13 through 17:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Round 18 [Cable Twist]:** [Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm, Work Round 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm] 3 times, Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2.

**Rounds 19 through 23:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Round 24 [Cable Twist]:** [Work Round 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm, Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm] 3 times, Work Round 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2.

**Rounds 25 through 29:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Round 30 [Cable Twist]:** [Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm, Work Round 5 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2, sm] 3 times, Work Round 11 of Braided Cable over next 14 sts, p2.

**Round 31:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

### Begin Decreasing to Shape Cap:

**Round 32 [Dec 21 sts]:** \*[K2, p2tog] 3 times, k2, p2, sm; rep from \* 6 more times = 91 sts.

**Round 33:** \*[K2, p1] 3 times, k2, p2, sm; rep from \* 6 more times.

**Round 34 [Dec 21 sts]:** \*K2, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, p2, sm; rep from \* 6 more times = 70 sts.

**Round 35:** [K8, p2, sm] 7 times.

**Round 36 [Cable Twist]:** \*[C4F] 2 times, p2, k2, C4B, k2, p2, sm; rep from \* 2 more times, [C4F] 2 times, p2.

**Round 37 [Dec 14 sts]:** \*K2, [k2tog] 2 times, k2, p2, sm; rep from \* 6 more times = 56 sts.

**Round 38:** [K6, p2, sm] 7 times.

**Round 39 [Dec 14 sts]:** \*K1, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, p2, sm; rep from \* 6 more times = 42 sts.

**Round 40:** [K4, p2, sm] 7 times.

**Round 41 [Dec 7 sts]:** [K4, p2tog, sm] 7 times = 35 sts.

**Round 42 [Cable Twist]:** [C4B, p1, sm] 7 times.

**Round 43 [Dec 7 sts]:** [K1, k2tog, k1, p1, sm] 7 times = 28 sts.

Do not bind off. Proceed to FINISHING.

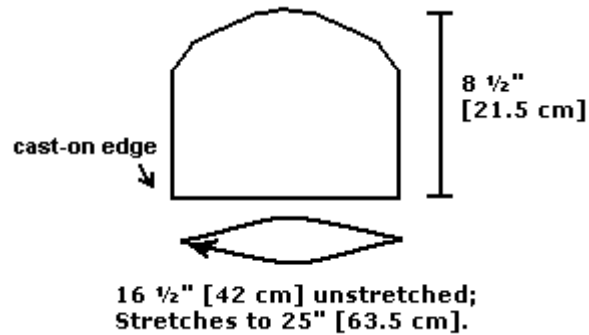
## FINISHING

Cut yarn, leaving a 7" tail. Fasten off by threading yarn tail into yarn tapestry needle and threading through all 28 sts on needle. Pull tightly to close top of hat.

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Weave in loose ends.

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