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Morgan

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An Ivy cap, also known as an English driving cap, is a hat style that flatters almost everybody — even people who don't wear hats look a little more stylish when they wear this classic cap.

The problem is, I'd never come across a knitting pattern for one. In the name of creative inquiry, I spent a couple nights thinking about ways to construct a flattering cap pattern in lieu of deep. I quickly figured out why I had never come across a knitted version before — the complexity of an Ivy cap is a far cry from the beanies that knitters are so used to.

My first sketch involved sewing together 2 or 3 different pieces, just as a sewn cap, but I just knew there had to be a better way. So, after a few deep

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breaths, and some serious test knitting, I am pleased to present Morgan, an authentically styled Ivy cap that is knit up in one piece and only requires the most minimal of grafting skills.

Morgan's unique construction begins at the top of crown using invisible increases dispersed throughout each round. The rest of the hat is shaped using short rows and creating folds that resemble a sewn piping to give the hat extra detail and structure. The peak (or bill of the hat is also worked in short rows and as one piece.

SIZE
M[L]
Fits head circumference up to 22.5[23.5] inches. A **medium** will fit most adult men and women. Green hat is size L; large hat is size M

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Length of crown at longest point: 10.5 inches
Width of crown at widest point: 8.75 inches
Hat depth at center back: 4.25 inches
Hat depth at center front: 3 inches
Inner band circumference: 22[23] inches

MATERIALS
⊕ 2 US 40/4mm circular needles, 24 inches or longer
[always use a needle size that gives you the gauge listed below — every knitter's gauge is unique]

⊕ Safety pin or split ring marker
⊕ Stitch markers
⊕ Waste yarn
⊕ Tapestry needle
⊕ 2 sew-on snaps
⊕ Sewing needle and thread to match yarn
⊕ Heavy interfacing, buckram, cardboard, plastic or other stabilizer for the peak; see Peak Stabilizer section in Pattern Notes
⊕ Optional: Grosgrain ribbon or elastic (see finishing directions)

GAUGE
19 sts/31 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

PATTERN NOTES
[knitty's list of standard abbreviations and techniques can be found here]

This project is worked in the round using two circular needles. If you are unfamiliar with this technique, instructions may be found here.

M1R: Make 1 right-slanting knit stitch: Insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit into front of this stitch.
Note: You may prefer to work a tight Lifted Increase (M1L) as follows: Use the right needle to pick up the stitch below the next stitch on the left needle. Place it on the left needle, then knit into it. 1 stitch has been increased.

K3tog: Knit next 3 sts together.

Ssk: Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle. Insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together.

Wrap & Turn [W&T]
To wrap and turn on a RS row, knit to point specified in pattern, bring yarn in front of work between needles, slip next stitch to right hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch in back, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin purling back in the other direction.
To wrap and turn on a WS row, purl to point specified in pattern, bring yarn to back of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch in front of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin knitting back in the other direction.
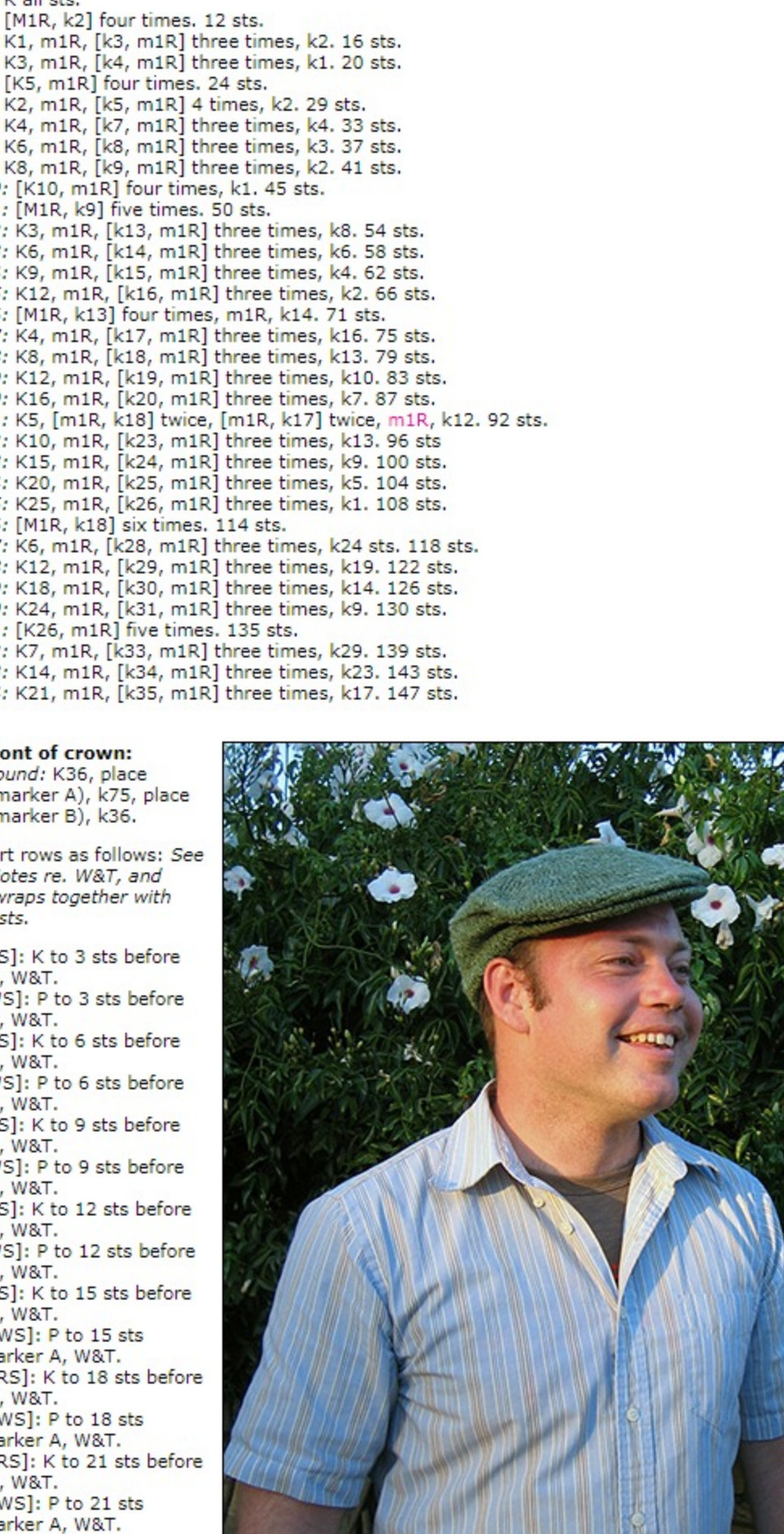
Working Wraps Together with Wrapped Stitches:
Work the "wraps" at the turning points of the short rows, together with the stitches they wrap, as follows:
When working a RS row: knit to wrapped stitch, insert right needle into wrap and lift it over and behind wrapped stitch without removing it from left needle; knit wrap and lift stitch together through back loop.
When working a WS row: Purl to wrapped stitch, use tip of left needle to pick up wrap from back (RS) of work, bring wrap over and in front of stitch without removing it from left needle; purl wrap and stitch together.

Grafting:
Instructions for grafting can be found here.

Peak Stabilizer
I prefer a more structured peak, so I recycled a thin, cheap plastic placemat for the peak. Plastic packaging also works. To shape the cut plastic into a curve, which forms a more attractive peak than a flat piece, I clipped the plastic insert in hot water with this and out of some tongs, and held it in the shape I wanted while cooling it with cold water.
Alternatively, a double layer of a heavy interfacing will give the peak a sturdy shape with less stiffness than a piece of plastic.

DIRECTIONS

CROWN
CO 8 sts. Place 4 sts on each needle and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. After the first 1 or 2 rounds, place safety pin or split ring marker in work to indicate beginning of round.

note: Crown increases are planned in such a way that no regular lines of increases are formed.

Round 1: K all sts.
Round 2: [M1R, k2] four times, 12 sts.
Round 3: K1, m1R, [k3, m1R] three times, k2, 16 sts.
Round 4: K3, m1R, [k4, m1R] three times, k1, 20 sts.
Round 5: [k5, m1R] four times, 24 sts.
Round 6: K2, m1R, [k5, m1R] three times, k3, 29 sts.
Round 7: K4, m1R, [k7, m1R] three times, k3, 34 sts.
Round 8: K6, m1R, [k8, m1R] three times, k3, 37 sts.
Round 9: K2, m1R, [k9, m1R] three times, k6, 41 sts.
Round 10: [k10, m1R] four times, k1, 45 sts.
Round 11: [k9, m1R] five times, 50 sts.
Round 12: [M1R, k10] five times, 55 sts.
Round 13: K5, m1R, [k11, m1R] three times, k6, 59 sts.
Round 14: [k6, m1R] nine times, k5, 64 sts.
Round 15: K2, m1R, [k12, m1R] four times, k10, 69 sts.
Round 16: [M1R, k13] five times, k4, 74 sts.
Round 17: [k18, m1R] four times, k2, 78 sts.
Round 18: K6, m1R, [k14, m1R] four times, k12 ... m1l, k2 sts.
Round 19: K5, m1R, [k18, m1R] four times, k9, 87 sts.
Round 20: K6, m1R, [k16, m1R] four times, k13, 92 sts.
Round 21: K5, [m1R, k18] three times, m1R, k11, 96 sts.
Round 22: [m1R, k24] four times, 100 sts.
Round 23: K11, m1R, [k19, m1R] four times, k9, 105 sts.
Round 24: [k21, m1R] five times, 110 sts.
Round 25: K9, m1R, [k21, m1R] four times, k17, 115 sts.
Round 26: [M1R, k23] five times, 120 sts.
Round 27: K9, [m1R, k24] four times, k15, 124 sts.
Round 28: [k21, m1R] six times, k2, 130 sts.
Round 29: [M1R, k25] five times, k2 ... 134 sts.
Round 30: K10, m1R, [k26, m1R] four times, k18, 139 sts.
Round 31: [k28, m1R] five times, k4, 144 sts.
Round 32: K8, m1R, [k24, m1R] five times, k16, 150 sts.
Round 33: [M1R, k25] six times, 156 sts.

Shape front of crown:
Set-up Round: K36, place
marker (marker A), k75, place
marker (marker B), k36.

Work short rows as follows: See
*Pattern Notes re: W&T, and
working wraps together with
wrapped sts.*

Row 1 [RS]: K to 3 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 2 [WS]: P to 3 sts before
marker B, W&T.
Row 3 [RS]: K to 6 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 4 [WS]: P to 6 sts before
marker B, W&T.
Row 5 [RS]: K to 9 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 6 [WS]: P to 9 sts before
marker B, W&T.
Row 7 [RS]: K to 12 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 8 [WS]: P to 12 sts before
marker B, W&T.
Row 9 [RS]: K to 15 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 10 [WS]: P to 15 sts before
marker B, W&T.
Row 11 [RS]: K to 18 sts before
marker A, W&T.
Row 12 [WS]: P to 18 sts
before marker B, W&T.

*Note: Throughout this pattern,
when working a st which has
been wrapped in a previous
short row, work the wrap together with the wrapped st (see Pattern Notes).*

Row 13 [RS]: K to 3 sts before marker B, work next wrap together with both wrapped st and following st (1 st decreased): k1, remove marker B, k to end of round. 146 sts.

Next Round: K to marker A, remove marker, k1, s1 1 knitwise, lift wrap over and behind wrapped st without removing it from left needle; sl st from right needle back to left needle and k this st together with both wrap and wrapped st, through back loops; k to end of round. 145 sts.

K 2 rounds.

The next round forms the ridge which outlines the top of the crown and gives structure to the upper part of the hat. The folded ridge is formed on the RS of the work.
Next Round: [Insert left needle into back loop of the st which is 3 rows below next st on needle; k this loop together with next st on needle] for every st to end of round. 145 sts.

Shape front of hat body:
Rounds 1–4: k all sts.
Round 5: k48, ssk, k43, k2tog, k48, 143 sts.
Round 6: k all sts.
Round 7: k54, ssk, k31, k2tog, k54, 141 sts.
Round 8: k all sts.
Round 9: k53, ssk, k29, k2tog, k53, 139 sts.
Round 10: k all sts.
Round 11: k52, ssk, k31, k2tog, k52, 137 sts.
Round 12: k all sts.
Round 13: k51, ssk, k33, k2tog, k51, 135 sts.
Round 14: k all sts.
Round 15: k50, ssk, k35, k2tog, k50, 133 sts.
Round 16: k55, ssk, k19, k2tog, k55, 131 sts.
Round 17: k13, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k13, k2tog, t37, ssk, k4, 119 sts.
Round 18: k43, ssk, k29, k2tog, k43, 117 sts.
Round 19: k38, ssk, k39, k2tog, k38, 115 sts.
Round 20: k37, ssk, k37, k2tog, k37, 113 sts.
Round 21: k41, k2tog, k2tog, k37, ssk, k42, 107 sts.
Round 22: k32, k2tog, k14, k4tog, k14, k2tog, k34, 107 sts.
Round 23: k34, ssk, k33, k2tog, k34, 105 sts.
Round 24: k36, ssk, k19, k2tog, k36, 103 sts.
Round 25: k45, ssk, k9, k2tog, k45, 101 sts.
Round 26: k20, k2tog, k2tog, k20, ssk, k2tog, k36, 94 sts.
Round 27: [k9, k2tog] [2] times, k9a7, [k2 ... k8] [2] times. 96[92] sts.
Round 24: k all sts. Break yarn, leaving a 4-inch tail.

PEAK
Place first and last 27[28] sts of round on waste yarn, leaving center 38 sts on needle. Place all 38 sts on one needle.

CO 36 sts onto other circular
needle; continuing from these
sts, k across 38 sts, CO 36 sts;
join to begin working in the
round. 110 sts. Needle 1 will
hold 38 sts and needle 2 will
hold 72 sts. Needle 1 is the
needle with twin CO sts.
Needle 2 holds center sts of crown.

In the next round, a ridge is
formed which will help the peak
to fold correctly when the hat is
worn. The folded ridge is
formed on the WS of the work.

Next Round: k all sts on Needle
1; k2, [insert right needle into
next st, insert right needle into
back loop of st on left needle, k
both sts together] to last st, k1
on Needle 2; slip Needle 1 st
needle to end of row together
with next st on needle] 32
times, k3. 110 sts.

K 1 round.

Shape peak using short rows,
as follows:
Row 1 [RS]: K33, W&T.
Row 2 [WS]: P29, W&T.
Row 3 [RS]: K27, W&T.
Row 4 [WS]: P25, W&T.
Row 5 [RS]: k to end of Needle 1: k first 33 sts on Needle 2, W&T.
Row 6 [WS]: p to end of Needle 2, W&T.
Row 7 [RS]: k to end of Needle 1: k34, W&T.
Row 8 [WS]: P32, W&T.
Row 9 [RS]: K30, W&T.
Row 10 [WS]: P28, W&T.
Row 11 [RS]: K26, W&T.
Row 12 [WS]: P24, W&T.
Row 13 [RS]: K22, W&T.
Row 14 [WS]: P20, W&T.
Row 15 [RS]: K18, W&T.
Row 16 [WS]: P16, W&T.
Row 17 [RS]: k14, W&T.
Row 18 [WS]: P12, W&T.
Row 19 [RS]: K10, W&T.
Row 20 [WS]: P8, W&T.
Row 21 [RS]: k to end of Needle 1: k first 34 sts on Needle 2, W&T.
Row 22 [WS]: p to end of Needle 2, W&T.
Row 23 [RS]: k all sts on Needle 2, all rem.

K 1 round.
Next Round: [Ssk, k20, k2tog] twice, 46 sts.

Graft sts on Needle 1 to sts on Needle 1. Break yarn, leaving a tail approx. 20 inches long.

Shape back of hat
Place 54[56] held sts on one needle, picking up 1 st at each end of needle in gap between held sts and hat band. Pick up and knit 1 st at beg of needle, k to end of needle, pick up and k1 st at end of needle. 56[58] sts.

Row 1 [RS]: k4[7], k2tog, [k8,?, k2tog] 3 times, k6[7], 52[54] sts.
Row 2 [WS]: Pick up and p 1 st in end of peak, [p10,[?], p2tog] twice, p16, pick up and p 1 st at edge of peak, 52[54] sts.

Size G-Only:
Row 3 [RS]: Pick up and k 1 st in CO at edge of peak, k2tog. [k2tog] twice, k3, k4. 49 sts.
Row 4: [WS]:

Size L Only:
Row 3 [RS]:
Row 4 [WS]:

All Sizes:
Row 4 [WS]: P36, W&T.
Row 5 [RS]: K40, W&T.
Row 6 [WS]: P38, W&T.
Row 7 [RS]: K36, W&T.
Row 8 [WS]: P34, W&T.
Row 9 [RS]: K end, pick up and k 1 st in CO at edge of peak. 50[54] sts.
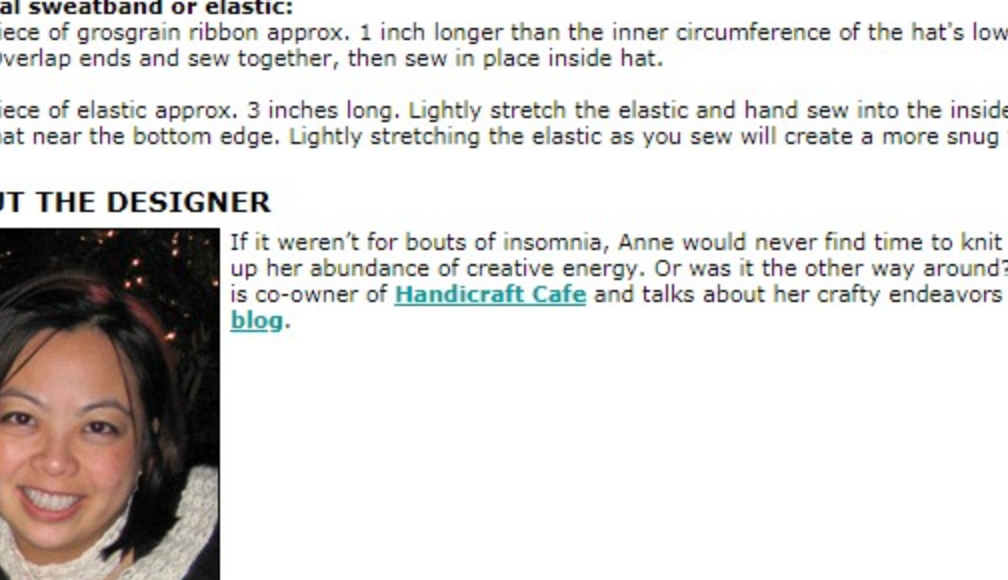Row 10 [WS]: 3-...k to end.
Row 11 [RS]: K1, k to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5.
Row 12 [WS]: Pick up and p 1 st in end of peak, p6, p8[6] sts.
Row 13 [RS]: K44, k to end.
Row 14 [WS]: P44, k to end.
Row 15 [RS]: K2, k4 W&T.
Bind off all sts. Break yarn, leaving a tail approx. 30 inches long.

FINISHING
Fold lower edge of hat to WS, along top of ribbed band. Sew in place as invisibly as possible, using matching color thread and tail.

Sew closed the small opening at the top of the crown.

Block hat using 2 to 3 rolled towels to shape the body and curve of peak.

Using toothpicks [stick link to view graphic, then print], cut stabilizer to shape. Insert into peak pocket, trimming if necessary. Use waste yarn to sew pocket[along arc] closed. Block again with stabilizer in place. Once shaping and fit are satisfactory, sew pocket closed using sewing thread and hand needle.

Weave in ends. Sew snaps in place, using photos as guides.

Optional sweatband or elastic:
Cut a piece of grosgrain ribbon approx. 1 inch longer than the inner circumference of the hat's lower band. Overlap ends and sew together; then sew band to lower edge of hat.

OR:
Cut a piece of elastic approx. 3 inches long. Lightly stretch the elastic and hand sew it into the inside back of hat near the crown edge. Lightly stretching the elastic as you go will create a more snug fit.

ABOUT THE DESIGNER
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