

FREE KNIT PATTERN – REVERSIBLE CABLE BRIM HAT

If you saw me on Hochanda TV on one of my two appearances in the last year, you may have seen this versatile hat, made in Zen Yarn Garden Serenity Worsted.



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One of the things I appreciate about that reversible cable brim is that it can be worn two ways – as above, with the brim turned up for a closer fit, and as shown below with the brim folded down for more of a slouchy fit.

It can also be knit two ways! I have been told that UK stitchers tend to knit on straight needles more, and US knitters tend to knit more on circulars. The brim must be knit in rows, but after you've picked up the stitches for the garter stitch body of the hat, you can work in rounds OR rows.

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Finished size: Approximately 22"/56cm in circumference, slightly stretched x 8 1/2"/22 cm tall without brim flipped up.

Hat:

Materials: 1 skein Zen Yarn Garden Serenity Worsted (CYCA 4, Medium)– Model shown in Peacock (175 yds/160m; 100g; 75% merino wool/15% cashmere goat/10% nylon)

Knitting needles size 6/4.00mm or size needed to obtain gauge, straight, or circular with a 16"/41 m cable

Cable needle

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 16 sts x 28 rows = 4"/10cm in garter st, slightly stretched

Notes: The Brim is knit in rows, after that you can knit the body either straight or in the round.

Special Stitches: C8F – cable 8 front – place 4 sts on cable needle and hold in front of work, (k1, p1) twice from left hand needle, (k1, p1) twice from cable needle.

Brim:

Cast on 11 sts.

Row 1 (RS): (K1, p1) 4 times, k3.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k1, p1) 4 times.

Rows 3 – 4 : Rep Rows 1- 2.

Row 5: C8F, k3.

Row 6: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1 – 6 for pattern until work measures approximately 22"/ 56cm, ending with a Row 6. Cast off, but do not end off yarn.



Sides:

Turn work 90 degrees clockwise and pick up 88 sts.

At this point you can either work straight or in the round – your choice!

Work in garter st (k every row if straight, alternate k rnds and p rnds if in the round) until work measures 8.25"/21 cm from lower edge of brim, slightly stretched, ending with a WS row/rnd and decreasing 4 sts evenly spaced on last row/rnd. 84 sts

Crown Decreases:

Row/Rnd 1: (K5, k2tog) 12 times. 72 sts

Row/Rnd 2 and remaining even numbered Rows/Rnds: Work even.

Row/Rnd 3: (K4, k2tog) 12 times. 60 sts

Row/Rnd 5: (K3, k2tog) 12 times. 48 sts

Row/Rnd 7: (K2, k2tog) 12 times. 36 sts

Row/Rnd 9: (K1, k2tog) 12 times. 24 sts

Row/Rnd 11: K2tog 12 times. 12 sts

Cut yarn after working Row/Rnd 12, leaving a long tail for finishing.

Thread tail into tapestry needle, use needle to go through all 12 remaining sts and pull tightly to close the top. If you've knit in the round, fasten off the yarn. If you have knit straight, use the remaining length of the tail to sew up the seam on the garter stitch section.

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Sew beginning of cable to end of cable, perhaps with the wrong side facing you if you will want to flip up the brim.

Weave in all ends.



Cable Brim Hat

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