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Some of you asked, and now I'm delivering! The Super Slouch Hat is not just an airy puff of head-topping goodness, it's also knit entirely (wait for it... wait for it...) BACK AND FORTH! So yes, that means that this is the perfect hat for the dpn-averse among you. It also doesn't have to be nearly as slouchy as it's shown in the picture - with one less pattern repeat and a smaller needle, this would make a more fitted but equally delectable hat. And hey, if you do it that way - take pictures, I'd love to see it!

Yarn: Berroco Folio (65% Superfine Alpaca, 35% Rayon; 219 yards [200 meters]/50 grams); #4502 Orr - 1 skein

Needles: Size US 4 needles, size US 7 needles (or US 5 or US 6 for a less relaxed fit)

Notions: Tapestry needle, 8 stitch markers

Gauge: 22 stitches = 4 inches in stockinette on size 5 needles

So let's get started! First, then, using your size 4 needles, cast on 114 stitches loosely (if you want to be extra clever, leave a tail long enough for seaming later). Then we'll knit the following ribbing rows, to create the bottom edge of the hat:

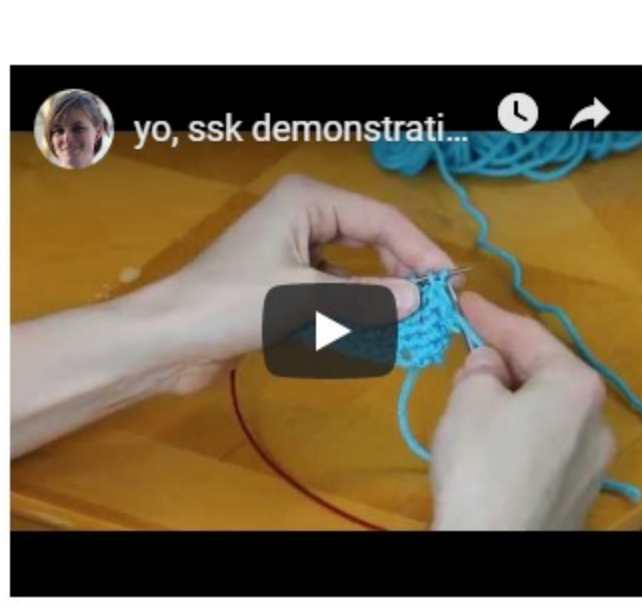
Ribbing Row 1 (wrong side): p2, * k2, p2; rep from *

Ribbing Row 2: k2, * p2, k2 *

Knit ribbing rows 1 & 2 until piece measures roughly 1 1/4" and you've just finished row 1 of the pattern. Now it's time to switch to our size 7 needles (size 5 or 6 needles if you'd like a more fitted hat) and knit one set-up row to place our extra markers, which goes as follows:

Set-up Row 1 (right side): (k2, place marker, k26, place marker) four times, k2

And once we've knit our set up row, it's time to begin our main hat pattern, which includes stripes of faggoting and stockinette, as follows. I've also added a video (as of March 15, 2015), which demonstrates the (yo, ssk) stitch in case you're having trouble with it. You can watch it below, or simply skip straight to the pattern just a bit below that!



Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 (wrong side): purl, slipping extra markers when you come to them

Rows 2, 4, 6, & 8: knit, slipping extra markers when you come to them

Rows 10, 12, 14, 16, & 18: k2, (slip marker, k1, * yo, ssk * until you're one stitch before marker, k1, slip marker, k2) four times

Rows 11, 13, 15, 17, & 19: p2, (slip marker, k1, * yo, ssk * until you're one stitch before marker, k1, slip marker, p2) four times

Row 20: knit, slipping extra markers when you come to them

Knit rows 1 - 20 three times (twice for the less slouchy version) and then knit row 1 once more. Now it's time to begin the decreases, which proceed as follows:

Decrease rows 1 & 3: k2, (slip marker, ssk, knit until you're two stitches before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12: purl, slipping extra markers when you come to them

Decrease row 5: k2, (slip marker, ssk, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, k2tog, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease row 7: k2, (slip marker, ssk, k5, k2tog, ssk, k5, k2tog, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease row 9: k2, (slip marker, ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease row 11: k2, (slip marker, ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease row 13: k2, (slip marker, [slip 2 together knitwise-k1-p2sso] twice, slip marker, k2) four times

Decrease row 14: purl, removing extra markers when you come to them

Decrease row 15: * k2tog; rep from *

Clip tail of yarn and thread final 9 stitches to scrap of yarn. Seam, starting at bottom edge, until seam is finished except for those final 9 stitches at the top. Thread seaming yarn through final 9 stitches and pull tight. Knot and tuck in ends. Block, taking care not to stretch out ribbing at the bottom of the hat.

