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In the quest for a pompom hat that you can wear slightly slouchy or snug with a fold of the brim, I choose my favorite worsted weight yarn to map out this pattern.

Materials:

- 1 skein Vortexyarns Octave (100% Superwash Merino. 210 yds/115gr. Worsted weight.)
- US#7 and #9, 16" circular needles
- #9 DPNs
- pompom

Gauge:

4.5 sts per inch using US #9 needles in stockinette stitch. Hat band circumference is 22" fully stretched.

Directions:

Using US #7 circular needles, cast on 92 sts. Once all sts are cast on, and with the working yarn and tail in your left hand, make sure the working yarn is on top of the left needle and the tail is under the needle. Check to make sure your sts are not twisted. Insert the left needle, from left to right, into the last stitch on the right hand needles and slip onto the left needle. Move the working yarn between the needles and slip the stitch back onto the right needle. This secures the working yarn between the last two stitches on the right needle. Pull snug, PM, join in the round and begin.

*K1, P1. Repeat from * until end of the round. Work this ribbing for 2.5".

Change to US #9 circular needles. *K2,P2. Repeat until hat measures 10" from cast on edge.

Begin shaping (changing to #9 DPNs when necessary)

Rnd 1: *K2, p2tog; repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 2: *K2tog, p1; repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 3: *K1, P1; repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 4: *K2tog; repeat from * to end of round

Rnd 5: *Knit to end of round

Rnd 6: *K2tog; repeat from * to end of round

Break yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail. Using a tapestry needle, thread tail through remaining stitches, pulling tight to secure. Weave in ends. Attach pompom.

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