



## MATERIALS

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Bone (9703)

1 ball

Sizes U.S. 6 (4 mm) and U.S. 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needles 16" [40.5 cm] long. Set of four size U.S. 8 (5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge**. Cable needle. 15 stitch markers.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

**Alt** = Alternate(ing)

**Approx** = Approximately

**Beg** = Beginning

**C6F** = Slip next 3 stitches onto cable needle and leave at front of work. K3,

then K3 from cable needle.

**Cont** = Continue(ity)

**Dec** = Decrease(ing)

**K** = Knit

**K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together

**P** = Purl

**Pm** = Place marker

**Rep** = Repeat

**RS** = Right side

**Sl1** = Slip next stitch knit-wise

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

**Tog** = Together

**WS** = Wrong side

 KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

## SIZE

One size to fit average Woman's head.

## GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st with larger needles.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

**I-Cord:** Using a double pointed needle, cast on the number of sts indicated in instructions; DO NOT TURN. \*Slide sts to the opposite end of the needle and knit them, pulling yarn firmly behind sts; repeat from \* to desired length. After a few rows, you will see that you are knitting a tiny tube; give it a gentle tug now and then to adjust any loose sts. Bind off all sts, leaving a 12" tail for finishing.

## STITCHES USED

### Stockinette stitch (St st):

Knit every round.

**1 x 1 Rib** (multiple of 2 sts)

**Round 1:** \*K1, p1; repeat from \* around.

Repeat Round for 1 x 1 rib.

**Seed Stitch** (multiple of 2 sts + 1)

**Round 1:** K1, \*p1, k1; repeat from \* for number of sts indicated.

**Round 2:** Knit the purl sts and purl the knit sts as they face you.

Repeat Round 2 for Seed st.

**Cable** (panel of 10 sts)

**Rounds 1, 2, 4, and 5:** P2, k6, p2.

**Round 3:** P2, C6F, p2.

**Round 6:** Repeat Round 1.

Repeat Rounds 1 – 6 for Cable.

## NOTE

Change to double pointed needles, as necessary while shaping Beret.

**Note:** Place markers between 20-st pattern repeats.

## BERET

Using smaller circular needle, loosely cast on 92 sts. Join, being careful not to twist the sts; place a marker (pm) for beginning of round.

Begin 1 x 1 rib; work even until piece measures 1" [2.5 cm] from beginning.

Change to larger circular needle and St st.

**Round 1:** Knit 1 round, inc 1 st in every other st—138 sts.

**Round 2:** Knit, increasing 2 sts evenly around, and AT THE SAME TIME, pm after each group of 20 sts—140 sts; 7 sections of 20 sts each.

### Establish Pattern

\*Work Round 1 of Seed st across 5 sts; Round 1 of Cable panel across 10 sts; Round 1 of Seed st across 5 sts; repeat from \* for each 20-st section around.

Continue as established, repeating Round 2 of Seed st and Rounds 1 - 6 of Cable panel until piece measures 5" [12.5 cm] from beginning, end with an even numbered round.

## Shape Crown

Continuing pattern as established, dec 14 sts (1 each side of each section), every other round as follows:

**Round 1:** \*K2tog, work in pattern to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, slip marker; repeat from \* around—126 sts remain after Round 1.

**Round 2:** Work even in pattern. Changing to dpn when too few sts to work comfortably on circular needle, repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 14 sts remain; 2 sts remain in each section.

Fasten off, leaving a 12" tail.

Thread tail through yarn needle and draw tail through remaining sts; pull snugly to close top of Beret.

Fasten off securely on WS.

## FINISHING

Block Beret to shape and size.

**Note:** A 10" plate works great for blocking.

### I-Cord for Crown

Following instructions for I-Cord, cast on 4 sts.

Work even until piece measures 1½" [4 cm] from beginning.

Fasten off, leaving tail for attaching.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends. Secure I-Cord to top of Crown.