

Not So Square

Pony Tail/Messy Bun Beanie

Knit pattern by Kris Buddendorff



Yarn:	Spincycle Yarns, Dyed in the Wool 100 yds., 100% American Wool super washed sport weight (Asteria) + Private Label 200 yds. 100% American Wool sport weight (Gray)
Tools:	US #7 16" circular (or correct size to obtain correct gauge), US #7 & 8 double pointed needles, stitch marker, tape measure, tapestry needle
Gauge:	24 sts and 38 rows = 4" in pattern knitted in the round
Size:	Finished hat size is 18" and should fit a youth/adult size 20-22" head circumference

Special Notes:

- The 16" circulars work well with this pattern. For the decrease rows as the yarn starts to feel too snug, switch to the magic loop method or double pointed needles.
- This pattern was done using the German Twisted cast on method, but any stretchy cast on will work.
- For a more elastic opening at the top of the hat, go up one needle size on the last two rows before binding off, if desired.
- For best results, use a variegated color way for the contrasting color. If the yarn isn't changing colors as quickly as desired, cut the yarn and unwind to a point where the color is beginning to transition when you begin the next set of stranded knit rows.
- This pattern uses the two-color stranded knitting technique carrying the contrasting color (CC) in the left hand (or carrying the CC below the MC on the wrong side) making the contrasting color the more dominant color way.

MC - Main color (Gray)
CC - Contrasting color (Asteria)
K - Knit
P - Purl
K2tog - Knit two together
P2tog - Purl two together

Instructions

Hat Brim:

Cast on - Using US #7 16" circular needles (or size to obtain the correct gauge) and MC, cast on 108 stitches using the German Twisted cast on method. Place stitch marker (to mark the beginning of round) and join the round being careful not to twist the stitches.

Begin ribbing pattern -

Round 1 - *K2 MC, P1 CC repeat from* to the end of round using the stranded knit method described above. ***After your purl stitch remember to bring the CC from the front to the back before knitting the next two stitches.***

Repeat Round 1 until the brim measures at least 2 3/4" or the desired length for the brim.

Body of Hat:

Begin with MC only:

Round 1 - Knit

Round 2 - Purl

Rounds 3 & 4 - Knit

Round 5 - Purl

Round 6 - *K2 MC, K4 CC repeat from* to end of round

Round 7 - *P2 MC, K4 CC repeat from* to end of round

Round 8 - Repeat Round 6

Round 9 - Repeat Round 7

Continue with MC:

Round 10 - Knit

Round 11 - Purl

Rounds 12 & 13 - Knit

Round 14 - Purl

Round 15 - *K2 CC, K4 MC repeat from* to the end of round

Round 16 - *K2 CC, P4 MC repeat from* to the end of round

Continue with MC:

Round 17 - Knit
Round 18 - Purl
Rounds 19 & 20 - Knit
Round 21 - Purl
Round 22 - *K9 MC, K2 CC, K1 MC repeat from* to end of round
Round 23 - *K8 MC, P1 MC, K2 CC, P1 MC repeat from* to end of round

Continue with MC:

Round 24 - Knit
Round 25 - *P25, P2tog repeat from* to end of round (104 Stitches remain)

Continue knitting rounds until the hat measures at least 5 1/2" from the bottom edge, then begin decrease rows. At this point you can try the hat on, checking how low you want to wear it. Measure the opening at the top using a soft measuring tape and make sure it is not more than 5" before starting decrease rows.

Decrease Rows:

Round 1 - *K6, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (91 stitches remain)
Round 2 - Knit
Round 3 - *K5, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (78 stitches remain)
Round 4 - Knit
Round 5 - *K4, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (65 stitches remain)
Round 6 - Knit
Round 7 - *K3, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (52 stitches remain)
Round 8 - Knit
Round 9 - *K2, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (39 stitches remain)
Round 10 - Knit
Round 11 - *K1, K2tog repeat from* to end of round (26 stitches remain)
Round 12 - Knit

Bind off remaining stitches using the sewn bind off method. It is important not to pull the yarn too tight while binding off to keep the opening elastic.

Sewn Bind Off Instructions:

When ready to bind off, cut yarn leaving a long tail (at least 28"). Using the tapestry needle, thread yarn and slip it purl wise through the first two stitches on the left needle. Pull yarn all the way through (careful not to pull too tight.) Then slip yarn back through the first loop knit wise and slip that loop off the needle. Repeat these two steps until all the stitches have been worked. ***When binding off in the round, the first stitch, instead of slipping off, can be moved to the right needle and that stitch becomes the last stitch worked. All remaining stitches are slipped off.***

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