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ribbed alpaca hat



SIZES: One size fits all adults (very stretchy rib)

KNITTING LEVEL: Experienced Beginner

TECHNIQUES USED IN THIS PATTERN:

- ❖ Knit and Purl stitch
- ❖ Knitting in the round on circular needles
- ❖ Knitting with double-pointed needles
- ❖ Decreasing by knitting or purling 2 stitches together



MEASUREMENTS:

- ❖ Unstretched Hat Circumference 15 ¾" (This is a VERY stretchy hat)
- ❖ Height 8"

MATERIALS

- ❖ 1-100g/3.5oz skein (110yds/101m) of Reynolds Andean Alpaca Regal (90% Peruvian Alpaca/10% Wool) **EACH** in #02 Light Grey, #21 Charcoal Heather, and #16 Black
- ❖ 1-Size 10 (6mm) 16" circular needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- ❖ 1-Set of 5 Size 10 (6mm) double pointed needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- ❖ 1-Large stitch marker
- ❖ 1-Yarn tapestry needle

GAUGE

- ❖ Approximately 13 stitches = 3" and 9 Rounds = 2" in 2x2 Ribbing (**UNSTRETCHED**)
PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE

KNITTING THE HAT

Use a row counter or mark off each round using the checkboxes provided below.

Starting at the bottom and using 16" circular needles, cast on 68 stitches in Black.

Begin 2x2 Ribbing as follows:

Round 1: Join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches, by spreading cast-on stitches all the way around the circular needle and starting with the first stitch that was cast-on (versus the last cast-on stitch, as you do for regular straight needle knitting) —



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Place the large stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round, *knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * around until you are back to the stitch marker.

Rounds 2 through 4: Slip stitch marker, *knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * around to continue 2x2 Ribbing in Black. Cut Black, leaving at least a 6" tail to weave in when finishing, and change to Charcoal Heather.

Rounds 5 through 16: Continue in 2x2 Ribbing in Charcoal Heather. Cut Charcoal Heather and change to Light Grey.

Rounds 17 through 25: Continue in 2x2 Ribbing in Light Grey. Cut Light Grey and change to Black.

Rounds 26 through 29: Continue in 2x2 Ribbing in Black.

Begin decreasing to shape top of hat AND change to double pointed needles as follows:

Round 30: Remove stitch marker and set aside. Transfer stitches from circular needle to double pointed needles **AND** decrease 8 stitches around as follows:

Use first double pointed needle to [knit 2, purl 2, knit 2 together, purl 2] 2 times from the circular needle.

With second double pointed needle, [knit 2, purl 2, knit 2 together, purl 2] 2 times.

With third double pointed needle, [knit 2, purl 2, knit 2 together, purl 2] 2 times.

With fourth double pointed needle, [knit 2, purl 2, knit 2 together, purl 2] 2 times, then knit 2, purl 2 = 60 stitches remain.

All stitches should be on the double pointed needles, 14 stitches on each of the first 3 needles and 18 stitches on the fourth needle.

To continue with double pointed needles, use the empty double pointed needle to knit from each consecutive double pointed needle, changing needles until you have knit every stitch around. (You can tell when you are done with the round by seeing where your cast-on tail is hanging from.)

NOTE: If you need to knit or purl 2 stitches together across 2 different double pointed needles to do a decrease, slip the first stitch from the next double pointed needles onto your current left needle first, then complete your decrease.

Round 31: Decrease 9 stitches around as follows: *Knit 2 together, purl 2, knit 1, purl 2; repeat from * around, end with knit 2 together, purl 2 = 51 stitches remain.

Round 32: Decrease 9 stitches around as follows: *Knit 1, purl 2 together, knit 1, purl 2; repeat from * around, end with a knit 1, purl 2 together = 42 stitches remain.

Round 33: Decrease 8 stitches around as follows: *Knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, purl 2 together; repeat from * around, end with knit 1, purl 1 = 34 stitches remain.

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□ **Round 34: Decrease 8 stitches around as follows:** Knit 1, *knit 2 together, purl 1, knit 1; repeat from *, end with purl 1 = 26 stitches remain.

□ **Round 35: Decrease 9 stitches around as follows:** *Knit 2 together, purl 1; repeat from * around, end with knit 2 together = 17 stitches remain.
Cut yarn, leaving a 15" tail.

HAT FINISHING

Thread this 15" tail into a yarn needle and run the needle through the remaining 17 stitches. Tighten to gather the top of the hat. Weave in loose ends.

Finished (UNSTRETCHED) Measurements

