

FEATHER AND FAN HAT

I just Googled “Feather and Fan Knitting” and got nearly 700,000 hits. It is the world’s most popular stitch pattern. Knitters use this beautiful and easy pattern on everything. There are many, many patterns out there for hats with Feather and Fan borders, but not much for hats with the pattern all over the hat. The trick is using a 12-stitch version instead of the usual 18. Knit with Cascade’s delicious Baby Alpaca Chunky Paints and you will have a gorgeous little cloche-like hat.

Materials: 1 skein of Cascade Baby Alpaca Chunky Paints, pictured in #9824, 16 circular and double point needles size 10-1/2 **OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE**

Gauge and Size: 4 sts/inch in stockinette. **NOTE:** The pattern gives a bigger gauge but if the gauge is right in stockinette, the hat should come out to 19-20 inches around with plenty of give which will fit almost all women.

Directions:

With circular needle, CO on 72 sts. Join in the round being careful not to twist

Round 1: Purl

Rounds 2 and 3: Knit

Round 4: *K2tog 2X, [YO, K1]4X, K2tog 2X, repeat from * 5 more times

Repeat rounds 1-4 5 more times

Repeat rounds 1-3 once

1st decrease round: *K2 tog 2X, [YO, K1]2X, YO, K2tog 3X, repeat from *
Repeat rounds 1-3 on 60 stitches. Change to DPNs

2nd decrease round: *K2tog, [YO, K2tog]3X, K2tog, repeat from *
Repeat rounds 1-3 on 48 stitches

3rd decrease round: *K2tog, [YO K2tog]2X, K2tog, repeat from *
Repeat rounds 1-3 on 36 stitches

4th decrease round: *K2tog, YO, K2tog 2X, repeat from *
Repeat rounds 1-3 on 24 stitches

5th decrease round: K2tog 12X **DO NOT REPEAT ROUNDS 1-3**
Final round: P2tog 6X

Cut yarn leaving about an 8 inch tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle, run through the six stitches, pull tight and weave in end.