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128 Superwash
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This is a first cousin of my cable band hat, same basic construction but with a different horizontal band at the start. The drop stitches create a wonderful effect that wraps around the head and has a thermal effect that keeps the head warm even though it looks rather open to the elements.

Materials: 1 100 gram skein of Cascade 128 Superwash yarn. Pictured hat is color #867. Size 10-1/2 both 16" circular and double points, or size required to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 7 stitches and 11 rows to 2" **BE SURE TO CHECK GAUGE!!**

Cast on 12 stitches.

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K4, P1, K1, P1, K1.

ROW 2: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until band measures a scant 20" long.

You will have a band with strips of seed stitch on either side of a 2-stitch stockinette strip. Bind off as follows: bind off 4 sts, pull loop on right needle out a few inches and pull ball of yarn through loop, pull the stitch to the same tension as the bound off stitches, K2 sts (the stockinette strip up the middle of the band), bind off 4 and tie off. Now drop the single stitch that should be on your needle in the middle of the strip. Unravel it back to the cast on edge. Sew ends together across the seed stitch sections on each side of the unraveled stitches to form a loop.

With circular needle and right side facing, beginning at seam, pick up and knit 72 sts along one edge of seed/ladder band. Knit even in the round until hat measures 5-1/4" from bottom of cable band. Dec. for crown as follows:

[K7, K2tog] 8X, 64 sts.

Work 1 round even.

[K6, K2tog] 8X, 56 sts.

Work 1 round even.

Change to double point needles, dividing sts evenly.

[K5, K2tog] 8X, 48 sts.

Work 1 round even.

[K4, K2tog] 8X, 40 sts.

Work 1 round even.

[K3, K2tog] 8X, 32 sts.

Work 1 round even.

[K2, K2tog] 8X, 24 sts.

[K1, K2tog] 8X, 16 sts.

K2tog 8X., 8 sts.

Cut yarn leaving about a 9" tail. Thread yarn onto tapestry needle, pass it through the 8 sts and pull tail tight. Now pick up and knit 72 stitches on the other side of the seed/ladder band and work 5-6 rows of K2, P2 ribbing, or about 1 to 1-1/2 inches. Bind off loosely. Weave in all ends.