



## Slouch Hat In Eco Duo



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# Cascade Eco Duo

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Cascade's Eco Duo is quite simply the softest yarn I have ever worked with. The drape just begs to be worked up into a soft slouchy hat. This hat is a simple beret with 2 design elements worked in to make it unique: the purl surrounded mesh band which I call my river pattern and use in many of my designs and a little seed stitch tab with buttons worn at the left temple.

**Materials:** 1 100 gram skein of Cascade Eco Duo yarn. Pictured hat is color #1706. Sizes 8 and 10 16" circular needles and size 10 double points, **or size required to obtain gauge.** Marker, 2 half-inch buttons.

**Gauge:** 8 stitches to 2" **BE SURE TO CHECK GAUGE!!**

### River Pattern:

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: \*K2tog, YO, repeat from \* around

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Purl

## DIRECTIONS

Using smaller needles, cast on 84 sts. Place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 10 rounds. Next row – \*K2, YO, repeat from \* around to marker ending with a YO (126 sts). Change to larger needles. Next row – \*K2, K into back of YO, repeat from \* around. Work even on the 126 sts in stockinette (knit every round) until hat measures 4-1/2" from cast on edge. Work 5 rows of River Pattern. Continue in stockinette until hat measures 6-1/2" from cast on edge. Decrease for the crown as follows:

**NOTE:** The decreases are done on EVERY row, not every other row as in most hats.

Row 1: \*K12, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 117 sts

Row 2: \*K11, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 108 sts

Row 3: \*K10, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 99 sts

Row 4: \*K9, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 90 sts

Row 5: \*K8, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 81 sts

Row 6: \*K7, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 72 sts

Row 7: \*K6, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 63 sts

Change to double point needles

Row 8: \*K5, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 54 sts

Row 9: \*K4, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 45 sts

Row 10: \*K3, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 36 sts

Row 11: \*K2, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 27 sts

Row 12: \*K1, K2tog, repeat from \* around, 18 sts

Row 13: \*K2tog, repeat from \* around, 9 sts

Row 14: K2tog 4X, K1, 5 sts

Put all 5 sts onto a single needle and work I-cord by pushing sts to right end of needle after each row without turning and pulling the yarn across the back of the sts to knit the 5 sts. Work 6 rows in this manner. To finish off I-Cord K2tog, K3tog, pass 1<sup>st</sup> st over 2<sup>nd</sup> and tie off.

**Make Tab:** Holding hat with cast-on edge facing up, find the rib that is opposite the join, then move two sets of ribs to the left. Using smaller needles, pick up and knit 9 sts between the knit and purl sts of this rib. Work in seed st (\*K1, P1, repeat from \* ending K1 on each row) until tab is 2". Next right side row, K1, P1, K1, slip one knitwise, K2tog and pass slipped st over, K1, P1, K1. Work wrong side row even maintaining seed st. Next right side row, K1, P1, slip one knitwise, K2tog and pass slipped st over, P1, K1. Work wrong side row even maintaining seed st. Next right side row, K1, slip one knitwise, K2tog and passed slipped st over, K1. Work wrong side row even maintaining seed st. K3tog and tie off. Tack tab in place by sewing 2 little buttons through the tab and the ribbed band underneath it.

Weave in ends.