

Nezumi

Description

A friend of mine was looking for a unique hat to wear après-snowboarding, so I decided to take some traditional straight-laced Aran patterns and throw in some fun.

Nezumi is simple to knit but with enough personality to keep you interested. The hat is knit in the round and the top is simultaneously bound off and joined using the three-needle bindoff.

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Difficulty Level

Intermediate (?)

Materials needed

1 ball (100g) Lion Brand Wool-Ease: 80% acrylic, 20% wool
Color: Black

US 7 / 4.5 mm 16 in / 40 cm circular needle or size needed to get gauge
US 7 / 4.5 mm double-pointed needles
cable needle
yarn or tapestry needle
pompom maker or cardboard

Yarn substitutes

Cascade 220, KnitPicks Wool of the Andes

Size

Adult

Gauge

18 stitches and 23 rows = 10cm (4 inches) in stockinette stitch in the round

Abbreviations

K1-b: knit in back of stitch, making a twisted stitch.

Charts

CHART A

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†	•	•												•	•	†	3
†	•	•												•	•	†	2
†	•	•												•	•	†	1
14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

CHART B

•	•	•	•																16
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18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		

SYMBOL KEY



Knit



Purl



k1-b



Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold to back,
k1-b, purl 1 st from cable needle



Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold to front,
p1, k1-b from cable needle



Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold to back,
k2, k2 from cable needle



Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold to front,
k2, k2 from cable needle



Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold to front,
k3, k3 from cable needle

Pattern

Cast on 92 sts loosely. My favourite cast-on for ribbing is the Twisted German Cast-On. Join, taking care not to twist work, and work K2P2 ribbing for 4.5cm (1.25 in).

Work [row 1 of Chart A (14 sts), then Chart B (18 sts), then Chart A (14 sts)] twice. Continue in pattern as established until work is 20 cm (8 in) from beginning. You should have completed approximately 2.5 repeats of Chart B.

Place first 46 sts of next round onto DPN. Using another DPN, bind off all sts using three-needle bindoff.

Finishing

Make two pompoms and attach one to each upper corner of the hat. Weave in and trim all ends.

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Brief introduction

Debi took to knitting like a fish to water when she first picked up the needles a year and a half ago. When not playing with yarn, she enjoys reading, cooking, and snowboarding. She lives in sunny Pasadena, California, with her husband, many plants, and an ever-growing stash of yarn.