

## CAMERON'S CAP

NOTE: Using a different weight yarn, different size needles, or knitting to a different gauge than suggested here may result in a larger or smaller hat. That can be a good thing, if you're trying to tweak the size of this pattern.

### Size

Newborn (Baby, Toddler, Child, Adult)

### Finished measurements

14"(16",18",20",22")

### Materials

- Yarn – 50-75 grams worsted weight wool yarn
- Needles – U.S. size 6 (4.0 mm), or size needed to obtain proper gauge. Use double pointed needles, a 12" circular, a 16" circular, two circulars, or whatever you're most comfortable with for knitting a small circumference.
- Four stitch markers
- Four safety pins
- Scissors
- Darning needle



### Gauge

5 stitches/inch



### Key

dd (double decrease) = slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.

k2tog = knit two together

knitwise = as if to knit

purlwise = as if to purl

wrap and turn = leaving the yarn to the purl side of your work, slip the next stitch purlwise to the right-hand needle. Move the yarn between the needles to the knit side of your work, slip the slipped stitch back to the left-hand needle, and then move the yarn between the needles to the purl side of your work. Turn your knitting around.

yo = yarn over

### **Hem**

Cast on 72(80,92,100,112) stitches, leaving a long tail (approximately a yard) for sewing up the hem later.

Join, being careful not to twist.

Insert stitch marker to mark beginning of round.

Knit 3(3,3,6,6) rounds.

Purl turning ridge option #1 (shown on coral hat): purl one round.

Picot turning ridge option #2 (shown on purple hat): \* yo, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Knit 4(4,4,7,7) rounds.

Purl one round.

### **Short row ear flaps**

Insert stitch markers at the  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{3}{4}$  points of your knitting. You should now have four markers evenly spaced among your stitches. You should be ready to knit the first stitch of a new round.

NOTE: If you are familiar with hiding wraps on short rows, and would like to do so, please do. It is not necessary, however. The wraps will blend into the purl ridge at the top of the hem.

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Knit 3, wrap and turn.

Purl 6, wrap and turn.

Knit 6 (to wrapped stitch), knit wrapped stitch, knit 1, wrap and turn.

Purl 8 (to wrapped stitch), purl wrapped stitch, purl 1, wrap and turn.

Knit to wrapped stitch, knit wrapped stitch, knit 1, wrap and turn.

Purl to wrapped stitch, purl wrapped stitch, purl 1, wrap and turn.

Repeat the last two rows until three (or two, if I've miscalculated) stitches are left unwrapped before the  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  markers.

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Knit to wrapped stitch, knit wrapped stitch, knit past the  $\frac{1}{4}$  marker to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  marker.

Repeat from \* to \*\*.

Knit to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  marker.

### **“Body” of hat**

The  $\frac{3}{4}$  marker will now become the beginning of round marker. Please leave the other markers in place for now.

Knit until the hat measures 5”(5.5”, 6”, 6.5”, 7”) from the turning ridge on the longest side (including an ear flap).

OPTIONAL: Insert wide or narrow stripes, a color pattern, or a lace pattern into these rounds.

**Decrease section**

Mark the stitch after each stitch marker with a safety pin. This will mark the center of each of the four double decreases.

\* Knit until one stitch before the marked stitch, dd; repeat from \* around.  
Knit 1 round.

Repeat these two rounds until 4 stitches remain.

**Top of hat option #1 (shown on coral hat)**

Make an i-cord knot as follows:

Transfer the remaining four stitches to one double pointed needle, so that the strand of yarn (from the skein) is coming out of the leftmost stitch on the needle.

\* Knit 4, slide all stitches back to other end of double pointed needle.  
Repeat from \* until knitting measures approximately 3 inches.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Using blunt darning needle, thread yarn through stitches and pull tightly. Weave yarn tail into i-cord. Tie i-cord into a loose overhand knot.

NOTE: If you have never made i-cord before, you need to know that before each row, the ball of yarn will be attached to the wrong end of your knitting on the left hand needle. That's the way it should look – just pull the yarn across the wrong side of your work and start the new row.

**Top of hat option #2**

Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Using blunt darning needle, thread tail through remaining stitches, and pull tightly to close hole. Weave in ends.

Embellish as desired.

**Finishing**

Turn up hem and sew in place.

Weave in ends.

Place on head.