

the 99% Hat

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The hat for the rest of us!

This simple, lightweight beanie is knit with two contrasting colors of Shetland fingering weight yarn in the Armenian stranded tradition—the yarn carried behind is trapped regularly, giving a tweedy effect to the fabric and allowing for isolated motifs.*

Size:

22" circumference; 7.25" deep.

There's enough yarn to make this a slouchy hat if you want—just continue knitting straight for another 10 rounds or so before beginning the decreases.

It's also easy to adjust the band width or change the type of band; just cast on the amount you need and increase however many you need to get 120 stitches for the body of the hat. You could also make the cap smaller by using smaller needles.

Materials for the version pictured:

1 ball of Jamieson Spindrift Shetland yarn #462 Ginger

1 ball of Jamieson Spindrift Shetland yarn #435 Apricot

Any two contrasting colors will work.

Needles:

Size 2 for the rolled band; 16" circular

Size 3 for the body of the hat; 16" circular and a set of double points

Gauge:

5.5 stitches per inch (Please note that gauge in Armenian knitting is usually different than the gauge you get in regular stranded knitting, but a cap is pretty forgiving—don't worry about it, worry about income inequality & lack of corporate accountability instead!)

Instructions:

Using size 2 needle and Ginger, loosely cast on 110 stitches. Place marker. Join being careful not to twist.

Knit 9 rounds.

Switch to size 3 needle and purl next round, increasing to 120 stitches as follows: *P10 M1 by e-wrap* x 10, P10.

Begin Chart A using two colors (yes, two colors, even though the Apricot will not appear until round 6). You can repeat

Chart A so that the "99%" appears twice or you can knit the other half of the hat plain.

When you have completed Chart A establish the decrease points:

Place marker, K22 K2tog x 5.

Continue knitting, decreasing before each marker, until you have 10 stitches left on the needles.

Break the yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread the Ginger through a tapestry needle, run the needle through the live stitches and pull the hole closed.

Darn in the tail, and then the other ends while you are at it. Wash and block.

Wear with pride and prepare your talking points.

* There are a number of online demos about trapping. In the Armenian style you carry both yarns every round, trapping regularly—I try to trap every 4th stitch. Do not, if you can avoid it, trap in the same vertical place each round. See *Armenian Knitting* by Meg Swansen and Joyce Williams for more information.

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Chart A

