"Soft Kitty" hat

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Size: NB (0-3 mo); infant (3-6 mo); baby (6-12 mo); toddler (1-3 y.o); child; teen; adult.

To fit: 12-13" (30-33 cm); 13-15" (33-38 cm); 16-17" (40-43 cm); 17-19" (43-48 cm); 19-20" (48-51 cm); 20-21" (51-53 cm); 21-22" (53-56cm) head circumference.

Yarn: Drops Big Merino - 100% Wool - 50g / 75m (82 yds) or

Drops Air - 70% Alpaca, 23% Polyamide, 7% Wool - 50g/150m (164yds)

Quantity: **NB-toddler:** 1 skein or less. **Child-adult:** 2 skeins of Drops Big Merino; just 1 skein if using Drops Air.

Needles: US 7 (4.5 mm) and US 8 (5 mm) circular 12" (for NB) or 16" or DPNs (or size to obtain gauge) if knitted in the round; or same size longer circular or straight needles if knitted flat.

Notions: stitch marker, cable needle, large tapestry needle and/or crochet hook.

Gauge: 2" x 2" (5 cm x 5 cm) = 8 (8.5) sts x 10 rows.

Overall instruction

Hat is designed for a tight fit, which makes the ears perk up. Hat is worked in the round or flat on circular or straight needles, from bottom up, straight without a decrease. Keep in mind, knitting in the round has a tendency to be tighter than knitting flat, which could make the finished hat a tad smaller. Top of the hat could be BO as usual and then sewn. For a neater BO use the 3-needle bind off method (see details on p. 3).

Note: Circular needles aren't just for knitting in the round — they are very useful for flat back-and-forth knitting of larger pieces, see the tutorial on the Knit Picks website: https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/knitting-flat/

Cables

All cables could be turning to the left OR to the right — pick whichever you are more comfortable with. This pattern provides description for cables turning to the left.

Making a cable that twists to the left.
Slide 2 stitches from your left hand needle on to the cable needle and hold it **in front** of your knitting. Knit 2 stitches from your left hand needle, then slide back 2 stitches from the cable needle to the left hand needle (do not twist sts) and knit them.

*Note: in the pattern cable twist (of 4 sts) is referred to as **"2x2 cable twist"**.*

You can watch Drops Design video tutorial how to knit cables:
https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=19&lang=us

1 — sl 2 sts to CN, hold on front of work

2 — knit 2 sts from LH needle

3 — sl 2 sts from CN to LH needle
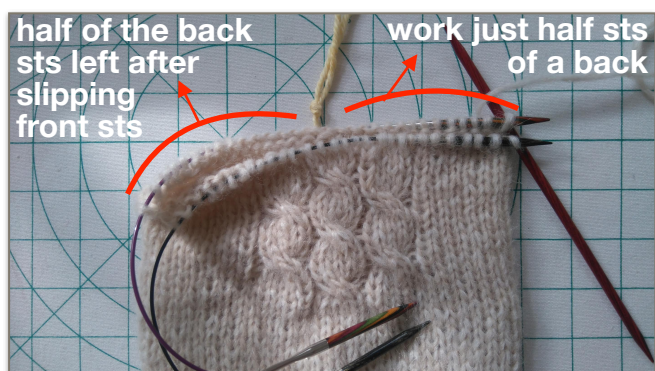

4 — knit those 2 sts from CN

3-needle Bind Off (for knitting in the ROUND)

BO the top of the hat by holding stitches of the back half and stitches of the front half on a separate needles with the 3-needle bind off method. Hold the needles close to each other. Use a third needle (or the US 8 (5mm) needle you have your stitches on) and knit 1st on each needle together, knit two more together and then slip 1st (first sts) over the next. Repeat k2tog and slip 1st over, until BO all sts.
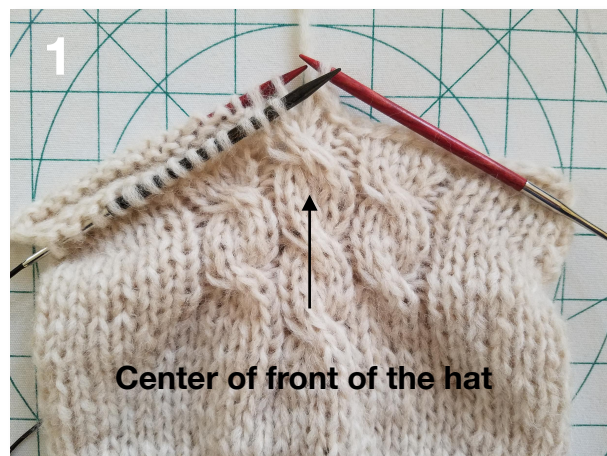
You can watch Drops Design video tutorial how to bind off 3-needle:

https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=49&lang=us

3-Needle Bind Off (for knitting FLAT)

Follow the same instructions and in the video above. After BO, half of sts (in the middle of the middle cable (1) i.e. the center of the hat), k2tog stitches on your **back needle** (2), then slip the right st over the knitted together st. Doing that, decrease 2 sts (these are the 2 sts from the back needle, which are the edge stitches (**es**). They have to be decreased, so the amount of sts is the same on the front and the back needles). Continue further by BO sts from the front and the back needle until finished.

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Instructions are written for NB size. Changes for other sizes are in parentheses:
NB: 0-3 mo (infant: 3-6 mo, baby: 6-12 mo, toddler: 1-3 y.o, child, teen, adult).

How to "read" the pattern: To make it easier to follow, instructions for step 4 are written separately for each size. However, the instructions for the rest of steps are written for all sizes. Also, there are instructions for both versions: knitting flat and knitting in the round for each size. To make it more convenient to print (if the printed version is used), each size/embellishment is placed on a separate page. Simply chose and print only the pages with the size/instructions you need.

You can watch Love Crafts video tutorial **how to knit in the round**:

https://www.lovecrafts.com/en-us/c/article/try-it-today-knitting-in-the-round

Making beanie

KNITTING IN THE ROUND instructions for all sizes (steps 1 - 4; step 5 see on p. 12)

Step 1: Rnd 1 — **CO round:** with circular needles US 7 (4.5 mm) CO 52 (56, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76) sts. Join, taking care not to twist sts and place marker for beg. of rnd. Slip this marker every rnd.

Step 2: Work in **rib** *p1, k1* for 7 (8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16) rnds.

Step 3: Change needles to US 8 (5 mm), continue work in **Stockinette stitch** (knit all rnds) for same amounts of rnds as was your rib: 7 (8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16) rnds.

Step 4: make **cables.** For infant - adult sizes make 3 cables, for NB size make just 1 center cable. Follow individual instructions for each size, see pages 5-11.

FLAT KNITTING instructions for all sizes (steps 1 - 4; step 5 see on p. 12)

Step 1: Row 1 (**CO row**) with US 7 (4.5 mm) needles CO 54 (58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78) sts. Leave longer tail for sewing later. ***Note: there are 2 edge stitches (es) included in a flat knitted version. To create a neater edge (which is would be easier to sew together later), slip the first and purl the last edge stitch.***

Step 2 - work in **rib:** es, *p1, k1*, es for 7 (9, 11, 11, 13, 15, 17) rows, ending with WS.

Step 3: Change needles to US 8 (5 mm), continue work in **Stockinette stitch** (knit RS and purl WS rows) for 6 (6, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) rows, ending with WS row.

Step 4 - make **cables.** For infant — adult sizes make 3 cables, for NB size make just 1 center cable. Follow individual instructions for each size, see pages 5-11.

Cables — step 4 — instruction for each size

es = edge stitch — slip first and purl last edge stitch (or work **es** as you used to)

Attention: in the flat knitted version ONLY **RS** rows are shown. Work WS rows following the stitch "pattern" — work as stitches appear to you: purl sts that look like a purl (most sts on a WS) and knit stitches that appear like a knit (just a few sts between cables at WS rows).

NB (out of 52 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k23, p1, k4, p1, k23 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k23, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k23.

Following Rnds 5-8: k23, p1, k4, p1, k23 — work 4 rnds.

Repeat Rnds 4 and Rnds 5-8 two more times (you will have cable twisted three times total).

BO rnd: k13, slip next 26 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 13+13 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

NB (out of 54 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k23, p1, k4, p1, k23, es + work all WS — see above

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k23, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k23, es

Row 7 (RS): es, k23, p1, k4, p1, k23, es

     Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Repeat Row 5 and Rows 6-8 two more times (you will have the cable twisted three times).

BO row (RS): BO as usual.

Alternatively for **3-needle BO:** es, k13, slip next 26 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 13+13 sts of the back left on the other needle, see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Infant (out of 56 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k25, p1, k4, p1, k25 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k25, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k25.

Following Rnds 5-6 — side cables set-up rnd: k20, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k20 — work 2 rounds.

Side cables twist Rnd 7: k20, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k20.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k20, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k20.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k14, slip next 28 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 14+14 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Infant (out of 58 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown):

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k25, p1, k4, p1, k25, es + work all WS — see p.5

    Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k25, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k25, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k20, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k20, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k20, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k20, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k20, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k20, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k14, slip next 28 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle= 14+14 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Baby (out of 60 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k27, p1, k4, p1, k27 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k27, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k27.

Following Rnds 5-6 — side cables set-up: k22, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k22 — work 2 rounds.

Side cables twist Rnd 7: k22, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k22.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k22 p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k22.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k15, slip next 30 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 15+15 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Baby (out of 62 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k27, p1, k4, p1, k27, es + work all WS — see p.5

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k27, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k27, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k22, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k22, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k22, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k22, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k22, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k22, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k15, slip next 30 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 15+15 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Toddler (out of 64 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k29, p1, k4, p1, k29 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k29, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k29.

Following Rnds 5-6 — side cables set-up rnd: k24, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k24 — work 2 rounds.

Side cables twist Rnd 7: k24, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k24.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k24 p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k24.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k16, slip next 32 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 16+16 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Toddler (out of 66 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k29, p1, k4, p1, k29, es + work all WS — see p.5

      Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k29, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k29, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k24, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k24, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k24, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k24, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k24, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k24, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k16, slip next 32 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 16+16 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Child (out of 68 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k31, p1, k4, p1, k31 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k31, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k31.

Following Rnd 5-6 — side cables set-up rnd: k26, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k26 — work 2 rounds.

Side cables twist Rnd 7: k26, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k26.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k26, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k26.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k17, slip next 34 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 17+17 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Child (out of 70 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k31, p1, k4, p1, k31, es + work all WS — see p.5

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k31, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k31, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k26, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k26, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k26, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k26, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k26, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k26, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k17, slip next 34 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 17+17 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Teen (out of 72 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k33, p1, k4, p1, k33 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k33, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k33.

Following Rnds 5-6 — side cables set-up rnd: k28, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k28 — work 2 rounds.

Rnd 7 — side cables twist: k28, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k28.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k28, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k28.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnds 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k18, slip next 36 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 18+18 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Teen (out of 74 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k33, p1, k4, p1, k33, es + work all WS — see p.5

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k33, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k33, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k28, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k28, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k28, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k28, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k28, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k28, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k18, slip next 36 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 18+18 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Adult (out of 76 sts) — knitting in the round**:**

Cable set-up Rnds 1-3: k35, p1, k4, p1, k35 — work 3 rnds.

Middle cable twist Rnd 4: k35, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k35.

Following Rnds 5-6 — side cables set-up rnd: k30, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k30 — work 2 rounds.

Rnd 7 — side cables twist: k30, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k30.

Rnds 8-9: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 10 - middle cable twist: k30, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k30.

Rnds 11-12: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnds 13 - side cables twist: repeat rnd 7.

Rnds 14-15: repeat rnds 5-6.

Rnd 16: middle cable twist: repeat rnd 10.

Rnds 17-18: repeat rnds 5-6.

BO rnd: k19, slip next 38 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 19+19 sts of the back left on the other needle. For 3-needle BO see p. 3. Proceed to step 5 (see p. 12).

Adult (out of 78 sts) — knitting flat (es = edge st; only RS shown)**:**

Rows 1,3 (RS) — cable set-up: es, k35, p1, k4, p1, k35, es + work all WS — see p.5

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (WS): es, p purl sts and k knit sts, es

Row 5 (RS) — middle cable twist: es, k35, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k35, es

Row 7 (RS) — side cables set-up: es, k30, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k30, es

Row 9 — side cables twist: es, k30, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k30, es

Row 11 — middle cable twist: es, k30, p1, k4, p1, 2x2 cable twist, p1, k4, p1, k30, es

Row 13: repeat row 7

Row 15 — side cables twist: repeat row 9

Row 17 — middle cable twist: repeat row 11

BO row (RS): BO as usual. Alternatively for 3-needle BO: es, k19, slip next 38 sts (front of the hat) on a separate needle = 19+19 sts of the back left on the other needle — see images on a page 3 and step 5 on page 12.

Step 5 - finishing for all sizes

If using the **3-needle BO method:** after step 4 in flat knitted version slide all stitches towards beginning of the back needle, so the stitches are ready to BO on both needles (see images 1, 2 below). Hold the work on two separate needles facing the front side of the hat (with cables), BO using the 3-needle BO method (see instructions and images on page 3).

After the top edge is BO, sew back seem together using the CO tail (3).

Cut the thread, pull the tail through to the wrong side of the hat. Weave in and secure all ends of the yarn (on WS), cut off any excess yarn.

If making **simple BO in the round knitted version**: in order for the front and the back of the hat to be symmetrically allocated, pin the very center of front of the hat (middle of middle cable, between 2+2 sts) to the center of back side where the marker was. Sew the sides together with a running stitch using the longer BO tail.

If making a **simple BO in the flat knitted version:** sew the back seam first, then follow the same instructions as for the simple BO in the round version (above).

Flat knitted hat 3-needle BO.
Sewing back seam together

"Ears"

Secure the ears with a simple sewing single stitch and a knot. All that has be done is just to sew the ear through both layers (of the front and back) in one single spot (see images below). No other treatment is needed — it's that simple. If using embellishments - complete them first, then secure the ears.

Method:

Fold the top corner of the hat such that the corner touches the closest cable (see image 1) ensuring that the sides of the formed triangle are equal. Locate and note a spot at the center of the slanted line. Unfold the corner to lay the hat flat (see image 2). Using the same color yarn and a tapestry needle (or a crochet hook), pull the yarn through both layers at the spot noted earlier. Make a double knot and secure the ends inside the hat.

Embellishing

You may wish to additionally embellish the ears with a little contrasting "ear triangle", bows or even buttons or beads. Make embellishing techniques like "hairs" or "triangles" before you for the ear with the knot. If decorating with bows, attach them after the ears have been secured.

If knitting a "fox", at the top of the ears area, you could make a longer stitching as "ear hairs" and crochet a chain stitch (or hand stitches) around edge of the ears with a dark brown or black/dark grey color.

"Ear Triangles"

Use a contrasting color of yarn — for example: white, beige, brown, grey, pink etc.

With US 7 (4.5 mm) needles CO 8 sts.

Row 1 - WS: purl.

Row 2 - RS: k2tog, k4, k2tog.

Row 3 - WS: purl.

Row 4 - RS: k2tog, k2, k2tog.

Row 5 - WS: purl.

Row 6 - RS: k2tog, k2tog.

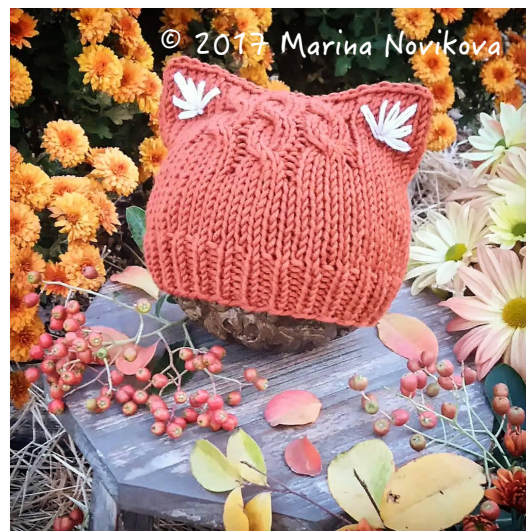Row 7 - WS: p2tog, leave the tail long enough for sewing "ears" to the hat.

Sew-in: place the triangle approx. 0.5" (1 cm) from the top and the side edges, sew it just to the top (front) layer of the hat. When finished, cut the thread, weave and secure ends on the wrong side. After that you can secure/finish ears with the knot — see instructions above on a page 13.

"Hair stitching"

For the "hairs" use a contrast color. Work just on the top layer of the hat before you secure the ears.

Cut thread approx. 30" (75cm) in length. Using a tapestry needle, double fold the thread. Start at the spot where bottom of the ears would be — approx. 1"-2" (2.5cm - 5cm) from the top and the sides of the hat, make several diagonal stitches in a variety of lengths, not too tight and not too loose. Tie in and secure ends of the yarn (on WS), cut off any excess yarn. Now you can form the ears — see instructions above on page 13.

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"Bow"

For the bow use a color of your choice. Instructions are provided for the same weight of the yarn. If using a different yarn, adjust the needle size and the number of stitches.

With US 7 (4.5 mm) CO 10 sts (CO 8 sts for NB), work 7 rows (5 rows for NB size) in Stockinette stitch (knit RS, purl WS). If desired, you can work in Garter stitch (knit all rows). BO on the right side. Weave in and secure ends of the yarn (on WS), cut off any excess yarn. Cut approx. 10" (25cm) of yarn in the same color. Entwine the bow rectangle in the center approx. 6 times, knot the tie on the wrong side by pulling ties under entwined threads using a crochet hook - this will make your knot neater and more centered.

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Drops Big Merino "light pink" (16) and "grey" (02)

Pull the threads of the bow through the corner of the ear approx. in the spot, where the ear is secured, tie in and secure end of the yarn (on WS), cut off any excess yarn.

Approx. size of finished hat knitted in the round (unstretched)

Note: When knitted flat, the hat might be 0.5" (1cm) wider and taller, you might wish to go with a smaller size needles or pattern.

Approx. height 5" (6", 6.5", 7", 8", 8.5", 9.5") Or 13 (15; 17; 18; 20; 22, 24) cm

Approx. width 6" (6.5"; 7"; 7.5"; 8"; 8.5", 9") Or 15 (16; 18; 19; 20; 22, 23) cm

Knitting Abbreviations

BO	Bind off
CO	Cast on
DPN(s)	Double Pointed Needles
RS	Right Side
WS	Wrong Side
st(s)	stitch(es)
Rnd(s)	round(s)
**	repeat instructions between asterisks, as directed
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 (two) together
p	purl
sl	slip
CN	cable Needle
LH	left Hand (needle)
2 X 2 cable twist	sl 2 sts to CN and hold on front, knit 2 sts from LH needle, knit 2 sts from CN

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Important Note: to achieve the best result, please use the recommended yarn, a substitute might not give you similar look or size even if you use same needle size! This design was created in Drops brand yarn, which has a tendency to be thicker than worsted weight yarn of other brands.

(Picture presents correct fit. Hat made in a baby size (6-12mo) on a 12 mo model).

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