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This strappy flappy eared hat looks great in chunky handspun yarn, or with multiple strands of finer weight yarns held together, stripes or not, with or without cables. The basic hat is a super quick knit, and instructions are included for jog-less stripes.

All hats are wearable four different ways! Let the strap hang loose, fasten it under your chin for super warmth, fasten over your head to free your ears, or fasten behind your neck for cozy ear coverage. The cabled version is a wee bit more effort than the simple basic Haka, but still very quick at the bulky gauge, and extra warm with all those cables! Knit up a matching cabled cowl using the same chart!

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You need

- ▶ bulky or super bulky weight yarn, or three strands worsted weight held together (equalling three times as much yardage in worsted)
- basic/striped hat: 85-100 yards / 75-90 meters
- cabled hat: 100-150 yards / 90-140 meters
- cowl: 140-165 yards / 130-150 meters
- ▶ size US 13 or 15 / 9 or 10mm 16" circular needle, or size to get gauge
- ▶ 1 stitch marker (2 for the cabled hat)
- ▶ a yarn needle
- ▶ 1 button

The samples

Cabled: Knit Picks *Wool of the Andes* worsted in Pumice Heather, three strands held together.

Blue and green stripes: Knit Picks *Wool of the Andes* worsted in Sapphire Heather and Avocado, three strands held together.

Many-colored fuzzy sample (middle left): A thick and thin handspun yarn.

Purples/greens/blues striping (bottom right): 2-ply handspun, thick and thin bulky weight.

Blending stripes sample (shown inside): Nine different yarns (mostly recycled and/or hand-dyed scraps), all around worsted weight, three strands of different colors held together at all times.

Cowl: Knit Picks *Wool of the Andes* worsted in Powder, three strands held together.

Gauge

2.5 sts per inch / 2.5 cm, in stockinette.

