

# Ocean Breezes

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This texture-tastic, swirly, wavy, buttony, sea-inspired hat can be made in either a cloche or slouchy beret style, and is custom fit to your head by placing the buttons just so! Make a more subdued one-color version or a vibrant hat with contrasting waves!

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## You need

- ▶ approx 145 yards / 130 meters worsted or aran weight yarn (depending on brand's labeling and your size/gauge choice)
- blue and rust examples all used 1 skein of Alpaca with a Twist *Highlander* (aran weight, 145 yards / 130 meters per skein)
- two-color example used two partial skeins of Malabrigo *Merino Worsted* (approx 130 yards / 120 meters total)
- ▶ size US 6 or 8 / 4 or 5mm needles - to get gauge, depending on size choice
- 16" circular needle
- set of double pointed needles
- ▶ 2 stitch markers (different colors or kinds for markerA and markerB)
- ▶ 2 buttons
- ▶ a yarn needle
- ▶ a large bowl, large plate, or piece of cardboard cut to size for blocking large version; a foam head, balloon, or other head-shaped object for blocking small version

## Gauge

**Small size** - fitted, cloche-style hat:  
5 sts per inch / 2.5 cm, in stockinette.

**Large size** - slouchy, beret-style hat:  
4.5 sts per inch / 2.5 cm, in stockinette.

