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THE PATTERN

I love designing hats because there's so much room for fun with construction and shape, as long as it fits on a head! With this design, I wanted to keep to traditional hat shapes, but play with direction, and make it fun and easy to knit, perhaps looking more complex than it actually is.

When making this hat, in either the fitted cloche stockinette style, or the oversized slouchy garter stitch style, you'll never break your yarn, you'll never pick up stitches, and when you're done, you're done, no sewing or any other finishing steps! It's a bit like knitting magic (but really, it's just simple short rows, increases, and decreases).

Another thing that makes this hat lots of fun to knit is that the first section is most of the piece, and it's a simple 2-row repeat pattern (once you get it down, it's easy TV knitting) — when that section is over, the second and third sections fly by so darn quickly, and you're done!

One final thing I love about this design is that it starts sideways around the head, so if you want to modify it to any yarn weight and size it custom fit to your head, you just try it on as you knit, to get a perfect fit — full detailed modification notes are included at the end!

FINISHED SIZE

Sized for an average adult woman head (approx 22" (56 cm) circumference; see modification notes at the end for custom sizing), in two different styles — the fitted cloche style in stockinette, and the slouchy oversized style in garter stitch.

MATERIALS

Yarn: Jill Draper Makes Stuff Hudson, 100% Superwash Merino Wool; 240yds/113g: Ariel's Whisper, 1 skein for both hats.

Yarn: Knit Picks Wool of the Andes Tweed, 80% Peruvian Highland Wool, 20% Donegal Tweed; 110yds/50g: Dill Heather, 1 skein for cloche, 2 skeins for slouch. Cloche takes approx 100yds; slouch takes approx 125yds.



Needles: For cloche/stockinette style: Size 7 (4.5 mm): any length circular (cir) and double-pointed (dnp); Size 5 (3.75 mm): any length cir.

For slouchy/garter stitch style: Size 10 (6 mm): any length cir and dnp; Size 8 (5 mm): any length cir.

Adjust larger needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge, and use 2 sizes smaller for the second needle size. Note: If you like to use the magic loop method for working a small circular circumference, then choose a long cir needle for your larger needle, and you don't need the dnp's.

Notions: 1 marker (m); a crochet hook (size isn't important) and scrap yarn for provisional cast-on; tapestry needle.

GAUGE

For cloche/stockinette style: 18 sts and 23 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st on larger needles; for slouchy/garter stitch style: 14 sts and 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in garter st on larger needles.

NOTES

The pattern is for two styles, written for cloche/slouch which is the same as stockinette/garter stitch versions. So if a row says to purl/knit — that means purl for the cloche (stockinette) version, knit for the slouch (garter stitch) version.

The bottom of the cloche curls under, and the hat may look way too small off the needles, but you can uncurl it a bit when blocking and when wearing it, and it will stretch out and down to a good fitted average adult woman head size (as long as your gauge is correct).

The gauge of the slouchy version is very loose for the yarn weight — this is on purpose to get the drapery fabric for the nice slouch shaping.

For the garter stitch version, throughout section 1, slip first stitches of rows with yarn in front, then move it to back to begin knitting, for neat edges.

The garter stitch version can actually be worn either way; you may prefer to wear it with the WS on the outside.

You'll be working short rows without wraps; when you're told to "turn" just turn (do not wrap & turn).

