RING OF CABLES HAT

by Kim Cameron

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
stretches to 21”

YARN
Knit Picks Swish (100% Superwash Merino Wool; 110 yards/50g): Dove Heather 25631, 2 balls or Amethyst Heather 25147, 2 balls

NEEDLES
US 7 (4.50 mm): Circular or straight for cable, US 7 (4.50 mm): Circular, 16”. Optional: US 7(4.50 mm): DPNs, set of 5
If necessary, adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTIONS
Yarn Needle
Cable needle
Stitch markers

GAUGE
20 sts and 24 rows = 4” in stockinette st

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Notes: This unisex hat is an easy introduction to cables that flatters almost everyone. Simply work the cable band to size, pick up stitches around it and make a stockinette top. The pattern comes with two cable variations to satisfy everyone’s individual style. Makes an excellent gift as well: you’ll be just in time to replace those winter hats that have disappeared.

6-st RC: sl 3 sts to cn and hold to back, k3, k3 from cn.

6-st LC: sl 3 sts to cn and hold to front, k3, k3 from cn.

DIRECTIONS:
Choose your cable band style.

Cable Band Option A
(shown in Amethyst Heather)
CO 15 sts.
Row 1 and 5 (RS): Sl 1 knitwise, p1, k6, p1, k6.
Row 2 and all WS rows: p6, k1, p6, k2.
Row 3: Sl 1 knitwise, p1, 6-st RC, p1, 6-st LC.
Row 6: Rep row 2.
Repeat rows 1-6 until cable band measures 21”

Cable Band Option B
(shown in Dove Heather)
CO 17 sts.
Row 1 (RS): Sl 1 knitwise, p1, k13, p2
Row 2: k2, p13, k2.
Row 3: Sl 1 knitwise, p1, 6-st RC, k1, 6-st LC, p2.
Row 4: k2, p13, k2.
Repeat rows 1-4 until cable band measures 21”

Join the band in a ring using the kitchener stitch or a favorite invisible seam; be careful not to twist.

Crown:
Pick up 88 sts evenly along the slip st edge of band.
Hint: Divide 88 by the number of completed cables. Use that number as the number of stitches to pick up per cable section.
Place marker before first stitch.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Continue working in stockinette (knit every row) until whole piece measures 6-7 inches or preferred height. (Fit on head until preferred height is reached, then begin crown decreases).

Crown decreases
Dec Rnd 1: (k2tog, k9) eight times: 80 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 2: (k2tog, k8) eight times: 72 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 3: (k2tog, k7) eight times: 64 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 4: (k2tog, k6) eight times: 56 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 5: (k2tog, k5) eight times: 48 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 6: (k2tog, k4) eight times: 40 stitches.

Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 7: (k2tog, k3) eight times: 32 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 8: (k2tog, k2) eight times: 24 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 9: (k2tog, k1) eight times: 16 stitches.
Work next round even.
Dec Rnd 10: (k2tog) eight times: 8 stitches.

Cut yarn, leaving a 10” tail.

Finishing
With a yarn needle, thread the yarn tail through the remaining 8 stitches; tighten to finish. Weave in ends, block if desired.
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Legend
- knit: RS: knit stitch, WS: purl stitch
- purl: RS: purl stitch, WS: knit stitch
- slip stitch: Slip stitch knitwise
- 6-st RC: RS: sl 3 sts to cn and hold to back, k3, k3 from cn.
- 6-st LC: RS: sl 3 sts to cn and hold to front, k3, k3 from cn.

Abbreviations
- BO: bind off
- cn: cable needle
- CC: contrast color
- CDD: Centered double dec
- CO: cast on
- cont: continue
- dec: decrease(es)
- DPN(s): double pointed needle(s)
- EOR: every other row
- inc: increase
- K: knit
- K2tog: knit two sts together
- KFB: knit into the front and back of stitch
- K-wise: knitwise
- LH: left hand
- M: marker
- M1: make one stitch
- MIL: make one left-leaning stitch
- MD(s): make one right-leaning stitch
- MC: main color
- P: purl
- P2tog: purl 2 sts together
- PM: place marker
- PFB: purl into the front and back of stitch
- PSSO: pass slipped stitch over
- PU: pick up
- P-wise: purwise
- rep: repeat
- Rev St st: reverse stockinette stitch
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- SSK: sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog
- SM: sl, sl, p these 2 sts tog
- SSSK: sl, sl, k, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over
- SSSK: sl, k, psso: 1 st dec
- SL: sl
- Slip: slip marker
- tbl: tbl
- TBL: through back loop
- TFL: through front loop
- W&T: wrap & turn (see specific instructions in pattern)
- WE: work even
- WS: wrong side
- WYIB: with yarn in back
- WYIF: with yarn in front
- YO: yarn over