

Runnin' Beanie by Woolly Wormhead



Yarn

50g of Aran weight for the larger size; 50g heavy DK or Worsted weight for the smaller size.

Needles & Notions

Set 4mm /UK8/US6 (for the smaller size) OR 4.5mm/UK7/US7 (for the larger size)
DPNs/Circular or size needed to obtain gauge
Stitch marker as necessary
Tapestry needle

Sample details

Shown in Fyberspates Scrumptious Aran on model with 23in/58.5cm circumference head

Shown in Fyberspates Vivacious DK on model with 20.5in/52.1cm circumference head

Gauge

21 sts x 30 rows to 4in/10cm on 4mm needles over St.St. (for smaller size/finer yarn)

18 sts x 20 rows to 4in/10cm on 4.5mm needles over St.St. (for larger size/heavier yarn)

Sizes

To fit sizes: 20 [22] in/51 [56] cm

Skills required

Knit & purl sts, knitting in the round, increases & decreases

Abbreviations

K:	knit
P:	purl
RS:	right side
WS:	wrong side
Rnd/rnd:	round
rpt:	repeat
st(s):	stitch(es)
ssk:	slip next 2 sts knitwise, then knit these 2 sts together through the backs of the loops

Pattern Support

I'm afraid I'm unable to offer pattern support via email for my free patterns. Should you have any questions regarding this pattern please visit the Woolly Wormhead group on Ravelry:
<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/woolly-wormheads-hats>

Alteration notes

This pattern requires a multiple of 10 sts, and so the maths of working a smaller or larger size wouldn't work easily at this gauge. If a larger or smaller size is required, quite simply use a finer or thicker yarn with corresponding needles.

Remember that the ladder created by the dropped stitch provides much greater width than the stitch itself, and will stretch up to 3 or even 4 times it's width!

Special techniques

It's really important to use the right cast-on method for this Hat. I cable cast-on instinctively for everything I make, and yet for this Hat it looked awful. After dropping the stitches the edge became all messy and uneven, and started to look like it might fall apart.

After a bit of playing around, I discovered that the best method was backward loop cast-on, which I understand is the easiest and most common way to cast on. If at the end you feel the Hat needs some strength around the brim, a crochet finish might help.

How to

Cast on 60 sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Place stitch marker to indicate start of round.

Body

Work in stocking stitch (knit every round) until the main body of the Hat measures approximately 8 in/20 cm (or desired length)

Crown

Rnd 1: *K9, drop next stitch; rpt from * to end [54 sts]
 Rnd 2: *K7, ssk; rpt from * to end [48 sts]
 Rnd 3: *K6, ssk; rpt from * to end [42 sts]
 Rnd 4: *K5, ssk; rpt from * to end [36 sts]
 Rnd 5: *K4, drop next stitch, K1; rpt from * to end [30 sts]
 Rnd 6: *K3, ssk; rpt from * to end [24 sts]
 Rnd 7: *K2, ssk; rpt from * to end [18 sts]
 Rnd 8: *K1, ssk; rpt from * to end [12 sts]
 Rnd 9: * ssk; rpt from * to end [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through remaining 6 sts and tighten to close.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. A gentle wash and blocking is recommended.

Woolly Wormhead

Woolly Wormhead is a Hat Architect.

With an instinctive flair for unusual construction and a passion for innovation, Woolly Wormhead is a designer whose patterns are trusted and celebrated by knitters all over the world. As a designer, Woolly is driven by a need to create and develop her understanding of 3D form. Communicating her ideas and sharing her specialised knowledge with her audiences is key to Woolly's success as a designer. Woolly's high quality pattern writing ensures perfect results, teaches new skills and encourages us all to become Hat architects.

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