Palindrome Hat

A complimentary hat to match the Palindrome Scarf

This pattern creates a thick & warm adult size hat that gently hugs the head with reversible cables on the brim. Wear it with the brim folded up or down!

Materials:

Heavy worsted weight yarn, approx 200 yards (130g)
I used 2 skeins of Patons SWS in the Natural Pink colorway
Size 8 circular needle, 16 or 24 inches long. (Or size needed for gauge)
Size 8 DPNs
Cable needle
Stitch markers

Gauge: 19 stitches and 24 rows in 4 inches over stockinette.

Directions:

Cast on 120 stitches, place stitch marker, and join in the round.
Round 1: *K2, P2* around
Rounds 2-5: Repeat Rnd 1
Round 6: *K2, P2, C8F* repeat around.
Repeat rounds 1-6 two times more. Piece should measure approx 3 inches long.

KEY

C8F: Slip 4 sts to a cable needle and hold to front, K2, P2, then K2, P2 from the cable needle.

Continue in K2, P2 rib pattern (no more cables) until piece measures 8 inches long from cast on.
Next round: [K2, P2] for 20 sts, place marker. Repeat around. 6 stitch markers total.
(Note: It is wise to make the first stitch marker a different color than the rest to distinguish the beginning of the round.)

Begin decreases:

Round 2: *K1, P2tog, [K2, P2] to next marker, slip marker*. Repeat around.
Round 4: *K2tog, K1, P2, [K2, P2] to next marker, slip marker*. Repeat around.
Repeat rounds 1-4 until there are 8 stitches between stitch markers or 48 stitches total, switching to DPNs, 2 circulars or a Magic Loop when necessary.
Round 5: *K2tog, P2tog, K2, P2, slip marker*. Repeat around.
Round 6: *P2tog, K2tog, P2, slip marker*. Repeat around.
Round 7: *K2tog, P2tog, remove marker*. Repeat around.

Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail. Thread needle and pull yarn through all remaining stitches. Pull snug and weave in tails.