CARON · **CABLED BERET** | KNIT

INTERMEDIATE

SIZE

One size to fit average Woman's head.

GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4″ [10 cm] in stocking st with larger needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

I-Cord: Using a double pointed needle, cast on the number of sts indicated in instructions; DO NOT TURN. *Slide sts to the opposite end of the needle and knit them, pulling yarn firmly behind sts; repeat from * to desired length. After a few rows, you will see that you are knitting a tiny tube; give it a gentle tug now and then to adjust any loose sts. Bind off all sts, leaving a 12″ tail for finishing.

STITCHES USED

Stockinette stitch (St st):

Knit every round.

1 x 1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts)

Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Repeat Round for 1 x 1 rib.

Seed Stitch (multiple of 2 sts + 1)

Round 1: K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * for number of sts indicated.

Round 2: Knit the purl sts and purl the knit sts as they face you.

Repeat Round 2 for Seed st.

Cable (panel of 10 sts)

Rounds 1, 2, 4, and 5: P2, k6, p2.

Round 3: P2, C6F, p2.

Round 6: Repeat Round 1.

Repeat Rounds 1 – 6 for Cable.

NOTE

Change to double pointed needles, as necessary while shaping Beret.

Note: Place markers between 20-st pattern repeats.

MATERIALS

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Bone (9703)   **1 ball**

Sizes U.S. 6 (4 mm) and U.S. 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needles 16″ [40.5 cm] long. Set of four size U.S. 8 (5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Cable needle. 15 stitch markers.

ABBREVIATIONS: www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations

Alt = Alternate(ing)
Approx = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
C6F = Slip next 3 stitches onto cable needle and leave at front of work. K3, then K3 from cable needle.

Cont = Continue(ity)
Dec = Decrease(ing)
K = Knit
K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together
P = Purl
Pm = Place marker

Rep = Repeat
RS = Right side
Sl1 = Slip next stitch knit-wise
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Tog = Together
WS = Wrong side

BERET

Using smaller circular needle, loosely cast on 92 sts. Join, being careful not to twist the sts; place a marker (pm) for beginning of round.

Begin 1 x 1 rib; work even until piece measures 1″ [2.5 cm] from beginning.

Change to larger circular needle and St st.

Round 1: Knit 1 round, inc 1 st in every other st—138 sts.

Round 2: Knit, increasing 2 sts evenly around, and AT THE SAME TIME, pm after each group of 20 sts—140 sts; 7 sections of 20 sts each.

Establish Pattern

*Work Round 1 of Seed st across 5 sts; Round 1 of Cable panel across 10 sts; Round 1 of Seed st across 5 sts; repeat from * for each 20-st section around.

Continue as established, repeating Round 2 of Seed st and Rounds 1 – 6 of Cable panel until piece measures 5″ [12.5 cm] from beginning, end with an even numbered round.

Shape Crown

Continuing pattern as established, dec 14 sts (1 each side of each section), every other round as follows:

Round 1: *K2tog, work in pattern to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, slip marker; repeat from * around—126 sts remain after Round 1.

Round 2: Work even in pattern.

Changing to dpn when too few sts to work comfortably on circular needle, repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 14 sts remain; 2 sts remain in each section.

Fasten off, leaving a 12″ tail.

Thread tail through yarn needle and draw tail through remaining sts; pull snuggly to close top of Beret.

Fasten off securely on WS.

FINISHING

Block Beret to shape and size.

Note: A 10″ plate works great for blocking.

I-Cord for Crown

Following instructions for I-Cord, cast on 4 sts.

Work even until piece measures 1½″ [4 cm] from beginning.

Fasten off, leaving tail for attaching.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends. Secure I-Cord to top of Crown.