

COCOON

A SLOUCHY HAT WITH A LONG BRIM
IN *TWO* DIFFERENT VARIATIONS



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MATERIALS

YARN: Cocoon by Rowan (115m or 126 yards/100gr):
...or any other bulky weight yarn (at 115m or 126 yards/100gr)

ROUND CROWN:

Natural (colourway 806 Frost): 1 skein: 34,5(39)gr
or approximately 40(45) meters / 44(50) yards.
Purple (colourway 811 Lavender ice): 1 skein: 32(36,5)gr
or approximately 37,5(42) meters / 41(46) yards.
Light brown (colourway 808 Tundra): 1 skein: 16(18)gr
or approximately 19(21) meters / 21(23) yards.
Dark brown (colourway 809 Crag): 1 skein: 7(8,5)gr
or approximately 8(10) meters / 9(11) yards.
Blue (colourway 827 Misty blue): 1 skein: 3(3,5)gr
or approximately 3,6(4) meters / 4(4,5) yards.

POINTY CROWN:

Dark brown (colourway 809 Crag):
1(2) skeins: 93(105)gr
or approximately 107(122) meters / 118(125) yards.

NEEDLES:

5,5mm/US9 and 5mm/US8 circular needles (at least 40 cm/16" long) or DPN's .
And for Tubular CO, only in **POINTY CROWN:** 3,5mm/US4.
Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

OTHER:

tapestry needle,

GAUGE

16sts and 32 rows in 10cm/4" in broken rib stitch
on 5,5mm / US 9 needles after blocking.

I had a favourite hat I bought years ago. Even after I had knitted so many hats myself I always fell back to this store-bought, old hat because I just loved the fit and style it had. But after all this time and wear it gave up this winter and I had to make one exactly like it, to replace my all time favourite hat!

With the help of the gorgeous Cocoon yarn from Rowan I made the impossible possible! I made an even better hat than my old one was since now I don't only love the fit and style but also it's softness and warmth!

The following pages offer two different variations of the same hat pattern. They differ in crown shaping and cast-on method: you can use the cast-on/brim of the one version to make the other one, since stitch counts are the same in both variations.

SIZE

ROUND CROWN

Size S: 48cm / 19" circ. and 23cm / 9" height
Size L: 54,5cm / 21,5" circ. and 23cm / 9" height

POINTY CROWN

Size S: 48cm / 19" circ. and 25,5cm / 10" height
Size L: 60cm / 23" circ. and 28cm / 11" height
Finished measurements taken **after** blocking.
Samples in picture are size S shown on a 55,5cm/ 22 inches head.

Note: that the merino/mohair blend of the Cocoon yarn is blocking out quite big, so if you use a yarn that does not grow as much after washing you'd need to choose a (larger) size, according to your gauge!

ABBREVIATIONS

CO: cast on	st(s): stitch(es)
k: knit	p: purl
St st: Stockinette stitch (in round: knit all rounds; back and forth: k RS rows, p WS rows)	M1*: left leaning hidden increase: Knit st in row below the st on the left needle, then knit the normal st.
k2tog: knit 2 together	M1*: right leaning hidden increase: Knit st in 2 rows below the st on the right needle.
rnd(s): round(s)	

*explained also in this video:
www.domiknitrix.com/howtos/pairedraised.cfm.



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ROUND CROWN: MULTI-COLOURED VERSION

BRIM

With 5mm/US8 needles CO 70(80) sts in natural colour. Join in the round.

Knit 2 rnds.

Knit 1 rnd while increasing 6 sts evenly around:

You now have 76(86) sts on your needles

Start with

P1, k1 ribbing for about 18 rounds (7,5cm / 3 inches).

Note that it is important to start with a purl stitch here, so as to get neat decreases (with a knit st on top) later on at the crown.



BODY OF HAT

Change to 5,5mm / US 9 size needle and purple yarn, begin broken rib stitch pattern (as described below) and on rnd 1 increase 4 sts as follows:

Make 2 hidden increases twice, right next to each other, to keep ribbing aligned with broken rib sts:

Work one pair of increases after 20 sts and another one 20 sts before end of round.

(Work the first of the pair as a M1 left leaning increase & the second one as a M1 right increase as explained in abbreviations).

You have 80(90) sts on your needles.

BROKEN RIB STITCH:

RND 1: Knit all sts

RND 2: (P1, k1) repeat all around.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2.

After about 7,5cm / 3 inches of Broken-Rib Stitch (about 15cm / 6 inches total length) work one repeat of the pattern in dark brown, one repeat in blue and another one in dark brown before continuing until the end in the light brown colour.

At 12.5cm / 5 inches of Broken Rib Stitch (20cm / 8 inches total length) start **DECREASES**:

Your decrease rounds should always happen on the knit rounds of the Broken Rib Stitch pattern.

RND1: (K6, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end of rnd.
(You now have 64(72)sts on your needles).

RND 2: (P1, k1) repeat all around.

RND 3: (K4, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end (you now have 48(54)sts on needles).

RND 4: (P1, k1) repeat all around.

RND 5: (K2, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end (you now have 32(36)sts on needles).

RND 6: (P1, k1) repeat all around.

Knit two rounds in pattern without any decreases.

RND 9: K2tog all around (you now have 16(18)sts on needles).

RND 10: K2tog all around (you now have 8(9)sts on needles).

Break yarn leaving a tail of 20cm / 8", thread it on tapestry needle and pull it through all of the sts.

Take knitting needles out, pull the yarn tail to close the hole shut and secure it from the inside of the hat.

FINISHING

Sew in all ends.

Block the hat without pulling the ribbed areas.



BRIM

START with 3,5mm/ US4 needles and CO 76(92)sts with TUBULAR CO (follow the link for a helpful tutorial: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrOoX-pBwts>), your last CO st should be a knit stitch.

RIBBING:

Note: Work flat for the first 4 rows, following the instructions below:

Row 1: (Slip 1 st wyif, k1tbl,) repeat to end of row (knit into the back of the knit sts of CO, and slip the purl sts).

Row 2-4: (Slip 1 st wyif, k1) repeat to end of row.

Change to 5mm/ US 8 needles.

Distribute sts evenly on 4 DPN's or work magic loop if you use circular needles.

Join to work in the rnd for the rib pattern below.

RIB PATTERN:

RND 1-8: (P1,k1) repeat to end of rnd.
(about 7,5cm / 3 inches).

Note that it is important to start with a purl stitch here, so as to get neat decreases (with a knit st on top) later on at the crown.

BODY OF HAT

Change to 5,5mm / US 9 size needle, begin broken rib stitch pattern (as described below) and on rnd 1 increase 4 sts as follows:

Make 2 hidden increases twice, right next to each other, to keep ribbing aligned with broken rib sts:

Work one pair of increases after 20 sts and another one 20 sts before end of round. (Work the first of the pair as a M1 left leaning increase & the second one as a M1 right increase, as explained in abbreviations).

You have 80(96)sts on your needles.

BROKEN RIB STITCH:

RND 1: Knit all sts

RND 2: (P1, k1) repeat all around.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2.

After about 10cm / 4 inches of Broken-Rib Stitch (about 17,5cm / 7 inches total length) start **DECREASES:**

Your decrease rounds should always happen on the knit rounds of the Broken Rib Stitch pattern.

ONLY SIZE L:

RND A: (K20, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 88sts on your needles).

RND A1-A3: Work in pattern (without decreases). (3 rnds)

RND B: (K18, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 80sts on your needles).

RND B1-B3: Work in pattern. (3 rnds)



POINTY CROWN: ONE COLOURED VERSION

SIZES S AND L:

RND 1: (K16, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 72sts on your needles).

RND 2-4: Work in pattern. (3 rnds)

RND 5: (K14, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 64sts on needles).

RND 6-8: Work in pattern. (3 rnds)

RND 9: (K12, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 56sts on needles).

RND 10-12: Work in pattern. (3 rnds)

RND 13: (K10, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 48sts on needles).

RND 14-16: Work in pattern. (3 rnds)

RND 17: (K8, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 40sts on needles).

RND 18: (P1, k1) repeat all around. (1 rnd)

RND 19: (K6, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 32sts on needles).

RND 20: (P1, k1) repeat all around. (1 rnd)

RND 21: (K4, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 24sts on needles).

RND 22: (P1, k1) repeat all around. (1 rnd)

RND 23: (K2, k2tog, k2tog) repeat until end
(you now have 16sts on needles).

RND 24-25: K2tog all around (2 rnds)
(you now have 4sts on needles).

Break yarn leaving a tail of 20cm / 8", thread it on tapestry needle and pull it through all of the sts.

Take knitting needles out, pull the yarn tail to close the hole shut and secure it neatly from the inside of the hat (so that you can wear the hat from both sides if you wish).

FINISHING

Sew in all ends. Block the hat without pulling the ribbed areas. Carefully sew the little gap at the start of the ribbing closed with tail end from tubular CO.

