Kurrajong Handcrafts

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Head Cosy

This hat is thick and warm. Just the thing for the snow or, as I discovered, for keeping the ears warm at the top of the *Butte de Lion* on a cold winter's day at Waterloo. Use a soft, chunky yarn and knit it up before the cold catches you!

Size
Women's small - medium

Requirements
1 skein Malabrigo (215yd/100g) worsted weight yarn;
5mm circular or double pointed needles

Gauge
14st/4" in rib,

Cable stitch C6F – slip 3 stitches to cable needle and hold in front, knit next 3 stitches, knit 3 stitches from cable needle; C4F - slip 2 stitches to cable needle and hold in front, knit next 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches from cable needle

Pattern
Cast on 84 stitches.
Ribbing: k2, p2 each round for 6 rounds.

Begin patt
R 1 and all odd rounds: *k6, p1, k1, p1, k1, p2, rept from * to end of round
R 2: *k6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round
R 4: *C6F, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round
R 6 and 8: as for R 2.
Repeat these 8 rounds until hat measures approx 5", finishing with R 3.

Crown
R 4: *C6F, p2, k1, p1, p2tog, rept from * to end of round (77 sts)
R 5: *k6, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round
R 6: *k6, p2, k1, p2tog, rept from * to end of round (70 sts)
R 7: *k6, p1, k1, p2, rept from * to end of round
R 8: *k3, k2tog, k1, p2, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round (63 sts)
R 9: *k5, p1, k1, p2, rept from * to end of round
R 10: *k2, k2tog, k1, p2, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round (56 sts)

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R 11: *k4, p1, k1, p2, rept from * to end of round
R 12: *C4F, p2, p2tog, rept from * to end of round (49 sts)
R 13: *k4, p1, k1, p1, rept from * to end of round
R 14: *k4, p1, p2tog rept from * to end of round (42 sts)
R 15: *k4, p2, rept from * to end of round
R 16: *k4, p2tog, rept from * to end of round (35 sts)
R 17: *k4, p1, rept from * to end of round
NB: To achieve neat decrease pattern on last few rounds, end of round will shift each time.
R 18: k4, k2tog, *k3, k2tog, rept from * to end of round (28 sts)
R 19: k
R 20: k3, k2tog, *k2, k2tog, rept from * to end of round (21 sts)
R 21: k2, k2tog, *k1, k2tog, rept from * to end of round (14 sts)
R 22: k1, then k2tog around (7 sts)
Break yarn and draw end through remaining stitches. Darn in ends.