

What a Twist

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This hat uses what I call sideways edge cast-on and bind-off techniques to work in opposite directions with no picked up stitches or seaming. Combine that with the cables and garter stitch texture throughout, and the surface of this hat seems to twist and turn all over itself, in and out of the different sections.

The buttons serve two purposes: they are decorative, of course, and they prevent the need to seam or graft any edges together on the sideways sections.

This hat may not move along quite as speedily as other bulky knits, with the tight gauge and all those cables and turns, but it is still a quick knit in this squishy yarn, and with the unique construction saving you finishing steps, you will surely be satisfied with this cozy cloche when the knitting is done!

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You need

- ▶ approx 120 yards / 110 meters bulky weight yarn

- ▶ size US 10 1/2 (6.5mm) needles
- 16"/40cm circular needle
- set of double pointed needles (DPNs)
- ▶ a cable needle
- ▶ 1 stitch marker
- ▶ a yarn needle
- ▶ 2 buttons (approx 1 1/2"/2.5cm wide)





Gauge

13 sts & 18 rows per 4 inches / 10 cm, in stockinette.

Sizing

Sized to fit a 22 inch / 56 cm head circumference, but it's stretchy and will fit slightly smaller/larger heads just fine. To adjust size more than a little, work at a smaller or larger gauge to get a smaller/larger hat.

Notes

It is important to use the standard m1 increase (given in the abbreviations list), as substituting other increase methods may cause large holes.

Use the circular needle for the first 3 sections, working flat or in the round as needed. Working the crown cable section on the circular will be a bit tricky at first as you get the section established, but it will become easier after a few rows.

Abbreviations

st(s) = stitch(es)

k = knit

p = purl

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

pm = place marker

slm = slip marker

rm = remove marker

sl = slip stitch purlwise

wyif = with yarn in front

wyib = with yarn in back

yo = yarn over (increases 1 with hole)

m1 = make 1, by picking up the strand between needle points from front to back, and knitting into the back loop (increases 1)

k2tog = knit 2 together (decreases 1)

ssk = slip, slip, knit slipped stitches together (decreases 1)

sk2p = slip 1 knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over (decreases 2)



The samples

Pink: Quince & co. *Puffin* 100% wool bulky single ply (Dogwood) - 2 skeins, which are 112 yards / 102 meters each (just a little of second skein used).

Beige & turquoise: Quince & co. *Puffin* 100% wool bulky single ply (Chanterelle and Peacock) - 1 skein each color, which are 112 yards / 102 meters.

If you want to make a contrasting top cable like this, you need approx 30 yards/meters of the contrasting yarn - work whole *Crown cable* section in that color.

Brown: Brown Sheep *LanaLoft Bulky* 100% wool bulky single ply (Cliff Rock) - less than 1 skein, which is 160 yards / 146 meters.

