



Pizza Love Hat

This ribbed and bobbed hat with simple cables and some knit-on i-cord came about as a present for a friend who is well known for his unique and enthusiastic relationship with that food we all know and love: pizza! He spends a lot of time out in the cold, and I wanted him to be warm while repping that cheesy goodness, and thus: the pizza love hat!

Yarn: Cascade Yarns Baby Alpaca Chunky - I chose something that was going to be warm and soft, while retaining some stitch definition. Approximately 175 yards were consumed in the sample.

Needle: US 6 (4 mm) either DPNs or long enough cable for magic loop. You may want a DPN to work the applied i-cord at the end. 1 cable needle. *optional:* 1 smaller gauge needle to pick up stitches for applied i-cord.

Size: since most of the hat is ribbed, it's going to fit a wide variety of heads, but it fit snugly on an approximately 25" head, and comfortably slouchy on an approximately 22" head.

Gauge: Since I'm writing this up after the gift has been given, I'm not entirely sure.

Skills Used: knit, purl, decreases, knitting in the round, cables, bobbles, applied i-cord

Stitches:

k - knit

p - purl

yo - yarn over

k2tog - knit two together: slip your right needle through the next 2 stitches together, and knit them as if they were one stitch

ssk - slip slip knit: slip your right needle into the first stitch knitwise, and pull it off the left needle. Repeat with a second stitch. Slide your left needle down into both stitches you just slipped, and knit the 2 stitches together

mb - make bobble:

1. Knit one without dropping the stitch off of your left needle, yo, knit one without dropping the stitch off of your left needle, yo, and knit one final stitch, all into the same stitch (1 to 5 increase).

1.1 Turn work, p5.

1.2 Turn work, k2tog, slip the new stitch back to the left needle.

1.3 Pass the other 3 stitches over the stitch you just slipped.

1.4 Knit the one remaining stitch.

1/2 lc - Slip 2 stitches onto your cable needle, and hold to the front of your work. knit 1. knit 2 from the cable needle.

2/1 rc - Slip 1 stitch to the cable needle, and hold to the back of your work. Knit 2. Knit 1 from the cable needle.

2/1 rpc - Slip 1 stitch to the cable needle, and hold to the back of your work. Knit 2. Purl one from the cable needle.

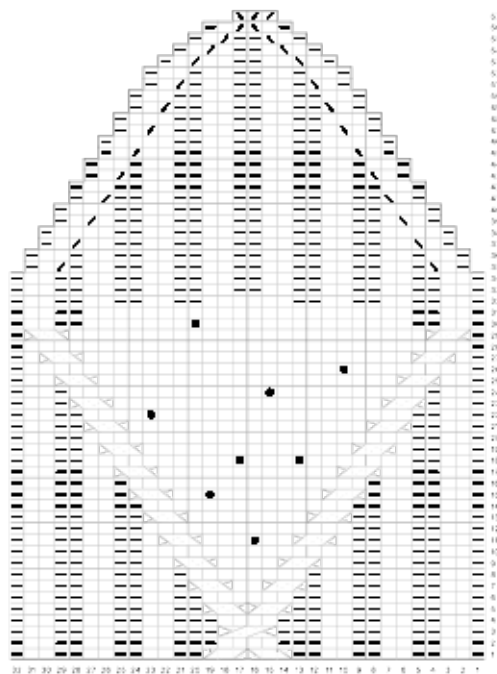
2/2 rc - Slip 2 stitches to the cable needle, and hold to the back of the work. Knit 2. Knit 2 from the cable needle.

1/2 lpc - Slip 2 stitches to the cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Purl 1. Knit 2 from the cable needle.

Directions:

1. Cast on 112[128] stitches using tubular cast on, rearranging for 2x2 ribbing. My favorite tutorial on this cast on is by Ysolda Teague: <http://ysolda.com/blog/2014/2/6/technique-thursday-long-tail-tubular-cast-on>
2. work in 2x2 ribbing [k2, p2] for 2".
3. On the last round, reposition your end of round marker so that it falls between the next 2 purl stitches.
4. Continue to the chart, knitting 4 repeats of the chart per round. *Note:* The bobble-sausages on the sample were placed whenever I felt it would look balanced and properly sprinkled. All four panels are identical on my hat, but there's no reason they have to be. Feel free to distribute your sausage as you see fit!
5. Using a tapestry needle, run the tail of your yarn through the remaining 12 stitches and draw tight.
6. *Add crust to each slice of pizza:*
 - 6.1 Pick up stitches along the line of where your crust should lie, picking up 1 bar between each stitch, and following the curve along the top of the piece of pizza. *I highly recommend using a smaller needle for this step (I used a size 0 DPN), or picking up the stitches as you go.*

- 6.2 Cast on 4 stitches to your needle, using a DPN if you have one.
- 6.3 Slide your stitches to the other side of the needle, instead of turning your work, and knit the first 3 stitches as normal.
- 6.4 Ssk the last stitch and the first picked up stitch on the right side of the pizza slice together.
- 6.5 Continue sliding the stitches to the end of the needle, and ssk-ing the last stitch and the next picked up stitch together across the top of the slice.
- 6.6 Cast off the 3 stitches when you reach the end of the slice.
- 6.7 Repeat for the other 3 slices.
7. Weave in all ends, and block.
8. Wear your pizza hat with pride!



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