

Natty

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Difficulty Rating

Intermediate, definitely a first-time cable project

Sizes

To fit and average sized adult

Finished Measurements

Cap Brim Circumference: 20 inches un-stretched

Scarf: Width: 5 inches, Length: 59 inches

Materials

RYC Soft Tweed [56% wool, 20% viscose, 14% polyamide, 10% silk; 87 yards/80 meters per 50g skein]; color: Twig #00005; 3 balls

1 set(s) US #9/5.5mm double-point needles

1 16-inch US #11/8mm circular needle

Cable needle stitch marker

Gauge

12 sts/16 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

There's something about the days when autumn has just started and the cooler weather starts breezing in. You aren't quite ready to don that heavy winter coat but you need some extra warmth. What to do? If you're still loving your long-sleeve tees, you can wear either the cap or the scarf (or even both) along with one and you'll have just enough added warmth to get you through autumn and look funky-cool at the same time. It'll take you through winter, too (along with a coat), and if you're looking for a quick knitted gift you can make for your loved ones at holiday time, this Natty duo will fit the bill. Both the cap and scarf are completely reversible so the scarf looks great no matter which way it is worn. And the cable technique is super easy. So easy, it will be memorized after just a few repeats.

Beginner cable knitters: This is a great first cable project!

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ABBREVIATIONS

K – Knit

P – Purl

C6F - (Cable 6 Front) Slip next three sts onto cable needle and hold in front of work, work the next three sts (work sts as presented) from left-hand needle, then work the sts on the cable needle.

C8F - (Cable 8 Front) Slip next four sts onto cable needle and hold in front of work, work the next four sts (work sts as presented) from left-hand needle, then work the sts on the cable needle

PATTERN NOTES

This is an easy cable pattern that is entirely reversible. If you plan on knitting the cap only, buy two balls of the RYC Soft Tweed and check your yarn supplier's return policy. The sample was knit with one ball plus a few yards of a second ball. You might get lucky and make the cap with one ball only! Blocking is suggested for the cap, but you'll want to give it a light blocking, only, otherwise you'll stretch out the brim too much. The scarf will benefit from the usual blocking so it lays flat and grows a little bit in length, however.

DIRECTIONS

The Natty Cap

Cast on 60 sts onto US size 9 double point needles and place marker to note beginning of round. Join in round and work k1, p1 ribbing for 1.5 inches. On the next round, increase 10 sts, in pattern. (For example, work in ribbing pattern, but when you want to increase, kfb into a knit stitch.) 70 sts on the needles.

Change to a US Size 11 circular and place a EOR marker at the end of the round. On your next round, K8, P6* to EOR.

Work in pattern as established for 1 inch.

Next round, *C8F, P6, repeat from * to EOR.

Work 6 rounds.

Next round: *K8, C6F, repeat from * to EOR.

Work 3 rounds.

Next Round: *C8F, P6, repeat from * to EOR.

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Work 3 rounds.

*K8, C6F, Repeat from * to EOR.

Work 1 round. The piece should measure approximately 7 inches.

Next round: *SSK, K4, K2tog, P6, repeat from * to EOR.

60 sts on the needles.

Next round. *CF6, P6, repeat from * to EOR.

Next round: *K6, P2tog, P2, P2tog, repeat from * to EOR. 50 sts on the needles.

Next round: *SSK, K2, K2tog, P4, repeat from * to EOR. 40 sts on the needles.

Work 1 round, working stitches as they present themselves.

Next round: *K4, P2tog, P2tog, repeat from * to EOR. 30 sts on the needles.

Next round: *SSK, K2tog, P2tog, repeat from * to EOR. 15 sts on the needles.

Next round: K1, *K2tog, repeat from * to EOR. 8 sts on the needles.

Break yarn, leaving a few inches of yarn. Using a tapestry needle, pass the yarn through the live sts. Pull tight and weave the yarn through the underside of the cap, keeping in mind that it is completely reversible.

Note: The cap doesn't need a lot of blocking unless you want it to fit a bit looser, or if you are using different yarn that seems like it needs blocking. If that is the case, blow up a small

balloon—about the size of your head (on a day when you haven't rec'd too many compliments)--and place the balloon in a bowl. Drape the cap over the balloon, making sure that you don't stretch the ribbing too much. Mist it lightly with water and smooth out the sts. You can also dampen the cap first, but if you use the RYC Soft Tweed, do this only if you want the cap to loosen up.



The Natty Scarf

When knitting this scarf, the first and last two sts of each row will be knit to create a small garter ridge that will prevent pesky rolling. If you use the yarn specified in the pattern, chances are, it will not roll.

Cast on 22 sts.

Work two knit rows.

Next row, begin your 8-row cable pattern:

Row 1: K8, P6, K8

Row 2: K2, P6, K6, P6, K2

Row 3: K8, P6, K8

Row 4: K2, P6, C6F, P6, K2

Row 5: K8, P6, K8

Row 6: K2, P6, K6, P6, K2

Row 7: K8, P6, K8

Row 8: K2, C6F, K6, C6F, K2 Repeat these eight rows until your scarf is the desired length, or you are nearly out of yarn. End with a Row 3 or 7, then work 2 knit rows. Bind off.

Note: This is a reversible cable pattern, so on Row 8, you will create a cable on the wrong-side, or “purl-side” of the section. Just perform the cable action as you would normally perform it, but in this case, purl the sts instead of knitting them.

Rinse the scarf in a wool-friendly wash. Roll it in a towel and lay it flat to dry.

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