Ponyfish Beanie

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The Project:

The Ponyfish Beanie is a relaxed fit ribbed beanie. Knit with one skein of our soft Ranger Bulky yarn it's perfect for anyone. A great project for beginners, this hat is knit in the round in a 1x1 rib with simple crown shaping. Inspired by the classic explorer hats worn by the crew of the Belafonte in Wes Anderson's movie The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, this winter accessory can be your companion on any adventure.

Materials:

- 1 skein of Echoview Fiber Mill's Ranger Bulky
90% Merino, 10% Rambouillet
140 yards / 100 grams
-US 10 circular needle, 16"
-US 10 DPNs (optional for crown decreases)
-Stitch Marker
-Tapestry Needle

Finished Measurements:

One Size -
10.5"- 26.5cm tall
17"- 43cm around (stretches up to 25"-63.5cm)

Gauge:

18 sts x 20 rows = 4" in rib pattern, worked in the round, unstretched.

Instructions:

Using the long tail cast-on method and circular needle, cast on 72sts.

Setup Round: Knit all stitches, joining to knit in the round. Place marker to indicate beginning of round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Round 1: *K1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.
Repeat Round 1 until hat measures 9"-23cm from cast on edge.

Decreases:

Note : Switch to DPNS when working on a circular needle becomes uncomfortable.

Round 1: *(K1, p1) x3, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Rounds 2: *(K1, p1) x3, k1, rep from * to end of round.
At end of round, remove m, k1, replace marker. This is the new beginning of round.

Round 3: *(P1, k1)x2, p1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 4: *P1, k1, rep from * to end of round.

Round 5: *(P1, k1) x2, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 6: *(P1, k1) x2, k1, rep from * to end of round.

Round 7: *P1, k1, p1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 8: *P1, k1, rep from * to end of round.

Round 9: *P1, k1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 10: *P1, k2, rep from * to end of round.

Round 11: *P1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving a 6"-28cm tail. Using a tapestry needle pull tail through remaining stitches.
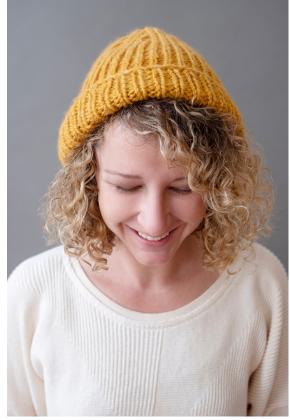
Finishing:

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations:

K = Knit

P = Purl

K2tog = knit two stitches together as one