

## Fresco Simple Slouchy Hat

designed by Susan Mills

# Classic Elite Yarns

### The Yarn

#### Fresco

60% Wool, 30% Baby Alpaca,  
10% Angora

*Fresco is a smooth and even 3-ply sport weight yarn. The plies are twisted together tightly enough to make a firm, springy yarn, but not so tightly that the yarn loses its lofty, soft hand. The fiber blend—wool (for warmth and strength), alpaca (for loft and sheen), and a bit of angora (to provide a soft halo)—makes a yarn that's warm, soft, and slightly fuzzy.*

### The Pattern

**Skill Level:** Easy

**SIZES:** S (M, L)

#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

16¼ (18¼, 19¼)" circumference brim  
Shown in size S.

#### YARN

**Fresco** by **Classic Elite Yarns**

(60% wool, 30% baby alpaca, 10%  
angora; 50 g = approx 164 yards)  
2 hanks 5397 Fern

#### NEEDLE

Circular 16" and double pointed  
needles (dpns) in size US 4 (3.5 mm)  
**or size to obtain gauge.**

#### OTHER MATERIALS

Stitch marker  
Tapestry needle

#### GAUGE

21 sts and 28 rnds = 4" in St st. **Take  
time to save time, check your  
gauge.**





## ABBREVIATIONS

**approx:** approximately

**BOR:** beginning of round

**CO:** cast on

**dec('d):** decrease(d)

**inc:** increase

**k:** knit

**LH:** left hand

**m1: (make 1)** insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, from the front to the back, knit through the back loop (1 st increased)

**p:** purl

**pm:** place marker

**rep:** repeat

**rnd(s):** round(s)

**st(s):** stitch(es)

## PATTERN STITCHES

**Circular Stockinette Stitch (St st):** Knit all sts, every rnd.

### Circular 2 x 2 Rib: (multiple of 4 sts)

All rnds: \*P1, k2, p1; rep from \*.

## HAT

With circular needle, CO 88 (96, 104) sts. Pm for BOR. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Work in St st for 12 rnds.

Work in 2 x 2 Rib for 1".

**Inc Rnd:** \*K2, m1; rep from \*—132 (144, 156) sts.

Work even in St st for 5½" and dec 4 (0, 4) sts evenly on last rnd—128 (144, 152) sts.

**Shape Crown, Set-up Rnd:** \*K14 (16, 17), k2tog, pm; rep from \*—120 (136, 144) sts.

Work 1 rnd even.

**Dec Rnd:** \*Knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog; rep from \*—8 sts dec'd.

Rep crown dec rnd EOR 12 (14, 15) more times, changing to dpns when necessary—16 sts. **Next Rnd:** \*K2tog; rep from \*—8 sts. Break yarn leaving approx 12" tail of yarn.

## FINISHING

With tail threaded on tapestry needle, thread through all sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. Block hat around a dinner plate if desired.