

# AFRAID OF CABLES HAT

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Pattern #55771



## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

18-19" (45.5-48 cm) circumference lying flat, will stretch up to 23-24" (58.5-61 cm). Adult one size fits all, slouchy fit.

## YARN

Knit Picks Biggo (50% Superwash Merino, 50% Nylon; 110 yards/100g), Brass Heather 26571, 2 skeins

## NEEDLES

US 10.5 (6.5mm) 16" circular needle, or DPNs, or two 24" circular needles for two circulars technique, or one 32" or longer

circular needle for Magic Loop technique, or size to obtain gauge. (If using 16" circular, switch to DPNs when hat gets smaller at the crown.)

## NOTIONS

Yarn Needle  
Stitch Marker  
Cable Needle

## GAUGE

13 sts and 18 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch worked in the round, blocked.

# Afraid of Cables Hat

*Notes:* Are you one of those confident knitters who tackles new techniques with ease, but admits to being afraid of cables? This hat was designed with you in mind – it is a great introduction to cables. There are not too many of them, so there will be plenty of relaxing knitting to enjoy.

This versatile hat features a braided cable and a cozy warm garter stitch background. Perfect for a quick present or an instant gratification project, this hat uses one skein of bulky yarn and works up in a jiffy on size 10.5 needles.

**Knit Front & Back (Kfb):** Knit into the front and back of the same st. 1 st inc.

**Slip, Slip, Knit (Ssk):** Slip two sts knitwise one at a time to the right needle. Insert the left needle into the front of the sts and then knit the 2 sts together. 1 st dec.

**Cable 4 Front, Left Leaning Cable (C4F):** Slip 2 sts to the CN and hold in front of work. Knit next 2 sts, and then knit the 2 sts from the CN.

**Cable 4 Back, Right Leaning Cable (C4B):** Slip 2 sts to the CN and hold in back of work. Knit next 2 sts, and then knit the 2 sts from the CN.

## Pompom (optional)

To make pompom, take a 3" wide piece of cardboard. Lay a length of yarn along the length of the cardboard (this yarn will be used hold the pompom together and attach it to the hat). Wind yarn around the cardboard about 120 – 150 times. Pull the original length of yarn towards the lower edge of the cardboard, pull firmly around the wound yarn, and tie up tightly. With scissors, cut along the upper edge of the cardboard to free up the yarn. Use the tied ends to sew the pompom to the top of the hat. Trim pompom as desired to achieve a rounded shape.

## DIRECTIONS

Note: If using a 16" circular, change to DPNs when sts no longer comfortably on the needle.

CO 70 sts. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the rnd. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

**Rnds 1-10:** \*K2, P1, K2, P2\* rep from \* to \* to the end of the rnd. Set-up Rnd for cables: \*K2, Kfb, K2, P2\* rep from \* to \* to the end of the round. 80 sts.

## Cable Pattern

**Rnd 1:** K3, \*P1, K6, P1, K12, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P1, K9.

**Rnd 2:** P3, \*P1, K6, P13, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P10.

**Rnd 3:** K3, \*P1, C4B, K2, P1, K12, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, C4B, K2, P1, K9.

**Rnd 4:** as Rnd 2.

**Rnd 5:** as Rnd 1.

**Rnd 6:** as Rnd 2.

**Rnd 7:** K3, \*P1, K2, C4F, P1, K12, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K2, C4F, P1, K9.

**Rnd 8:** as Rnd 2.

Repeat Rnds 1-8 for pattern.

Work Cable Pattern until piece is about 8" (20.5 cm) long, measured from the cast-on edge, ending with Rnd 8. If a longer hat is desired, work more rounds before starting the decrease rounds, making sure to end with Rnd 8.

## Decreases

**Rnd 1:** K2tog, K1, \*P1, K6, P1, K1, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K1, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P1, K1, K2tog, K6 – 72 sts.

**Rnd 2:** P2, \*P1, K6, P11, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P9.

**Rnd 3:** K2, \*P1, C4B, K2, P1, K1, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K1, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, C4B, K2, P1, K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog – 64 sts.

**Rnd 4:** P2, \*P1, K6, (P2, P2tog) twice, P1, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P2, P2tog twice, P1 – 56 sts.

**Rnd 5:** K2, \*P1, K6, rep from \* a total of 6 times, P1, K6, P1, K4.

**Rnd 6:** P2tog, \*P1, K6, P2, P2tog twice, P1, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K6, P2, P2tog, P1 – 48 sts.

**Rnd 7:** K1, \*P1, K2, C4F, P1, K2tog twice, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K2, C4F, P1, K2tog, K1 – 41 sts.

**Rnd 8:** P1, \*P1, K2tog, K4, P3, rep from \* a total of 3 times, P1, K2tog, K4, P1, P2tog – 36 sts.

**Rnd 9:** \*K2tog, rep from \* to the end of rnd. – 18 sts.

**Rnd 10:** Same as Rnd 9 – 9 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail of 6 to 8". Using yarn needle, draw yarn through rem sts. Pull tight and weave in end on WS.

## Finishing

Weave in yarn ends. Block hat. Attach Pompom if desired.







## About the Designer



Brenda Castiel has been knitting on and off since she was in her teens, but became somewhat obsessed with it in 2007. She loves squishy wools for the short, mild Los Angeles winters, and likes cottons and blends for the rest of the year. Brenda firmly believes that even beginner knitters can create something beautiful and useful, so she strives to keep patterns simple yet original. She goes by Goodstuff on Ravelry, and blogs from time to time about knitting and life at <http://knitandtravelandsuch.blogspot.com>.

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## Knit Abbreviations

BO	bind off	LH	left hand	P-wise	purlwise	SSSK	sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog
CN	cable needle	M	marker	rep	repeat	St st	stockinette stitch
CC	contrast color	M1	make one stitch	rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch	sts	stitch(es)
CDD	centered double dec	M1L	make one left-leaning stitch	RH	right hand	TBL	through back loop
CO	cast on	M1R	make one right-leaning stitch	rnd(s)	round(s)	TFL	through front loop
cont	continue	MC	main color	RS	right side	tog	together
dec	decrease(es)	P	purl	Sk	skip	W&T	wrap & turn (see specific instructions in pattern)
DPN(s)	double pointed needle(s)	P2tog	purl 2 sts together	Sk2p	sl 1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over k2tog: 2 sts dec	WE	work even
EOR	every other row	PM	place marker	SKP	sl, k, pssso: 1 st dec	WS	wrong side
inc	increase	PFB	purl into the front and back of the stitch	Sl	slip	WYIB	with yarn in back
K	knit	PSSO	pass slipped stitch over	SM	slip marker	WYIF	with yarn in front
K2tog	knit two sts together	PU	pick up	SSK	sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog	YO	yarn over
KFB	knit into the front and back of stitch			SSP	sl, sl, p these 2 sts tog tbl		
K-wise	knitwise						