

ear flap hat by Kim Tanner

mid level pattern

you will need:

- some brightly coloured wool
- a pair of 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- stitch holder
- yarn needle for finishing
- scissors for finishing



Now find a comfy seat and get settled in.
Let's make this a hat to remember.

tension

22 sts and 30 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 4mm needles.

Please note: tension is not critical for this project.

for the ear flaps (make 2)

Cast on 2 sts leaving a 4 inch tail.

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: KFB, KFB (4 sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: KFB, K2, KFB (6sts)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: Purl

Place all 6 sts onto a stitch holder. Then make the second earflap in the same way.

for the hat

Using cable cast on, cast on 4 sts, knit across first earflap, cast on 8 sts, knit across second earflap, cast on 4 sts (28 sts).

Row 1: Purl

Knit a further 10 rows in stocking stitch

Row 11: (K2tog) repeat to end

Row 12: (P2tog) repeat to end

Break yarn and thread through the remaining stitches.

to finish up

Sew up the seam of the hat using mattress stitch.

Sew in the loose tail where the earflaps meet the hat.

Cut four additional lengths of yarn and thread two of them through the points of each earflap. With the cast on tail this will give you 5 strands to plait. This will give a cord on the bottom of the earflap.

Make a pompom as instructed below and attach it to the top of your hat.

how to make a mini pompom

1. Take a fork with evenly spaced prongs.

2. Place the end of the yarn through the middle prong, leaving a longish tail.

3. Wrap yarn around all of the prongs a number of times.

4. Cut the yarn leaving 15cm and tie together tightly with the yarn that you left at the beginning.

The shape now resembles a bow.

5. Slip all the wool off your fork.

6. Take a pair of very sharp scissors and carefully insert them into one side of the bow shape.

7. Cut the loops of yarn in half, taking care not to cut the yarn wrapped around the middle.

8. Repeat on the other side.

9. Shake the mini pom pom to release all the fibres of the yarn and carefully give it a trim until you are happy with the final shape. Add to the top of your hat.

abbreviations

K = Knit, K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together, st(s) = stitch(es), P = Purl, rep = repeat, RS = Right Side of work, WS = Wrong Side of work

