

Mountain Ridges Earflap Hat Pattern

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This stunning hat pattern is perfect for your next mountain hike. The cozy warm ear flaps and tassels on this hat are a little bit of extra work, but they're totally worth it when you put the hat on and feel how warm it is.

If you're not used to knitting ear flaps, it can be a big challenging at first, but with a little bit of carefully placed increasing, you'll have a hat that's more than just a quick beanie.

Whether you're camping in the great outdoors or simply wearing this hat to keep those ears warm in the winter, this pattern makes a perfect hat that you'll want to wear on the chilliest of days.



Materials Needed:

Knitting Needle Size: US Size 8 DPNs, US Size 10 straight needles, US Size 10 circular needles (16 inches), US Size 10 DPNs

Yarn Weight: (5) Bulky/Chunky (12-15 stitches for 4 inches)

1 tapestry needle

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EAR FLAPS (MAKE 2)

I-CORD:

CO 3 sts onto a size 8 DPN.

Move the stitches to the right side of the needle, bring the yarn tightly around the back, and knit the three stitches onto a second DPN. Repeat this until your i-cord measures approximately 9 inches.

EAR FLAP:

Move the stitches from the i-cord to size 10 straight needles.

Row 1 (WS): S1, pfb, p1. (4 sts)

Row 2 (RS): S1, k all sts

Row 3: S1, p all sts

Row 4: S1, m1l, k2, m1r, k1. (6 sts)

Row 5: S1, p all sts

Row 6: S1, m1l, k4, m1r, k1. (8 sts)

Row 7: S1, p all sts

Row 8: S1, m1l, k6, m1r, k1. (10 sts)

Row 9: S1, p all sts

Row 10: S1, k all sts. (10 sts)

Row 11: S1, p all sts

Row 12: S1, m1l, k8, m1r, k1. (12 sts)

Row 13: S1, p all sts

RIBBING

JOINING:

From the first ear flap, CO 22 more stitches using the knit on cast on method. (Total of 34 sts, including the ear flap. This will be the left ear flap.)

From the second ear flap, CO 26 more stitches using the knit on cast on method. (Total of 38 sts, including the ear flap. This will be the right ear flap.)

Note: The two sides of this hat are intentionally uneven. The front of the hat is the side that has the 26 cast on stitches. The back of the hat is the side that has the 22 cast on stitches. This is done in order to push the ear flaps further back

on the hat so that they more properly cover the ears.

Switch to your 16" circular needles, positioning both ear flaps and cast on stitches in order.

Rnds 1-6: K12, (p2, k2), repeat () until 2 sts before the start of the next ear flap, p2, k12, (p2, k2), repeat () until you've reached two stitches before the end of the round, p2.

BODY OF THE HAT

Rnds 7-13: K all sts

Rnds 14-17: Continue as in the chart below. (Rnds 14-17 correspond to rnds 1-4 in the chart)

Rnds 18-24: K all sts

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Key:

- Purl

SHAPING

Slip stitches evenly among 4 DPNs

Rnd 25: (K8, cdd, k7), repeat () around

Rnds 26-27: K all sts

Rnd 28: (K7, cdd, k6), repeat () around

Rnds 29-30: K all sts

Rnd 31: (K6, cdd, k5), repeat () around

Rnd 32: K all sts

Rnd 33: (K5, cdd, k4), repeat () around

Rnd 34: K all sts

Rnd 35: (K4, cdd, k3), repeat () around

Rnd 36: K all sts

Rnd 37: (K3, cdd, k2), repeat () around

Rnd 38: (K2, cdd, k1), repeat () around

Rnd 39: (K1, cdd), repeat () around

Rnd 40: Cut a tail of yarn and thread it through all remaining sts to bind off