

# CABLED BERET

In my opinion, just about everyone looks good in a beret. This archetypal topper tends to suit all styles and facial characteristics. Wear it neat and trim or with a bohemian slouch—either way, it is always *au courant*.

## BERET

Using circ needle, CO 108 sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts; place marker (pm) for beginning of rnd. Begin Garter st (purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd); work even for 5 rnds.

**Shape Brim:** \*K1-f/b; repeat from \* to end—216 sts.

**Next Rnd:** Change to Cable Pattern from Chart; work even until piece measures 5" from the beginning.

**Next Rnd:** [Work 36 sts, pm] 5 times, work to end.

## Shape Crown

Note: Change to dpns when necessary for number of sts on needle.

**Decrease Rnd 1:** Decrease 12 sts this rnd, then every other rnd 14 times, as follows: \*Work 2 sts, ssp, work to 2 sts before next marker, p2tog; repeat from \* to end—36 sts remain.

**Decrease Rnd 2:** \*Work 3 sts, p3tog; repeat from \* to end—24 sts remain.

**Decrease Rnd 3:** \*Work 2 sts, p2tog; repeat from \* to end—18 sts remain.

**Decrease Rnd 4:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* to end—12 sts remain. Transfer remaining sts to single dpn, removing markers.

**Next Rnd:** \*K2tog; repeat from \* to end—6 sts remain. Work I-Cord (see Special Techniques, page 122) on remaining sts for ½". Cut yarn, leaving 8" tail. Thread tail through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off.

Block as desired.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

23 ¼" circumference

## YARN

St-Denis Nordique (100% wool; 150 yards / 50 grams): 2 balls #5895 Fjord

## NEEDLES

- ▶ One 16" (40 cm) long circular (circ) needle size US 2 (2.75 mm)
  - ▶ One set of five double-pointed needles (dpn) size US 2 (2.75 mm)
- Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

## NOTIONS

Stitch markers (one in contrasting color for beginning of rnd); cable needle (cn)

## GAUGE

27 sts and 39 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in Cable Pattern from Chart

**CABLE PATTERN**

**KEY**

- Knit
- Purl
- Slip 1 purlwise
- Slip next st to cn, hold to back, lcl, lcl from cn.
- Slip next st to cn, hold to front, lcl, lcl from cn.
- Slip 2 sts to cn, hold to back, lcl, lcl from cn.
- Slip next st to cn, hold to front, lcl, lcl from cn.

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