

Pilo Hat

100grams Lopi Roving (use 2 different colours 1 strand of each knit together)
Set of 5 8mm double point knitting needles

Using 2 strands of Lopi Roving together, cast on 81 stitches. Divide the stitches between 4 needles.
You will be knitting with the fifth needle.

- Make sure the stitches are not twisted and join to begin knitting in the round, marking the beginning/end of the round with a marker or piece of yarn.
- Work 3 rounds in moss stitch.
- Knit until brim measures 6cm/2¼".
- (K5, K 2 tog) to last 4 stitches knit. 71 Stitches.

Continue knitting straight until work measures 26cm/10".

Shape crown

(K5, K 2 tog) to last stitch K1.

Knit 2 rounds

(K4, K 2 tog) to last stitch K1.

Knit 2 rounds.

(K3, K 2 tog) to last stitch K1.

Knit 1 rounds.

(K2, K 2 tog) to last stitch K1.

Knit 1 rounds.

(K1, K 2 tog) to last stitch K1.

Knit 1 rounds.

K2 tog to last stitch K1.

Knit 1 rounds.

(May be easier to pop stitches onto 2 needles at this point)

K 2 tog to last stitch K1.

Take yarn through all the stitches that are left and, carefully pull to close opening.

To Felt

Put the hat into the washing machine with a half measure of washing powder and two pairs of jeans so that it can bounce around against something. Run washing machine through a 40° cycle, on my machine that is called a daily wash and takes 1 hour 15 mins...

To Shape

Once hat is felted, pull it, lengthwise, into shape (you can be VERY rough with the hat at this point). Try to get it as long as you can. Put it on whilst still wet and pull it down so that the crown is sitting right on top of your head. The hat should be longer than your face at this point.

Use your hands to make deep fold near the top of the hat. Keep fiddling with the shape until you are happy with it.

Stitch around the base of the fold using a needle and ordinary thread, do not pull the thread too tight.

Leave the hat to dry where it will keep its shape, perhaps on top of a bowl. Once the hat is dry you can either remove the thread from the fold or leave it in.

If you decide you want to reshape the hat just get it wet again!!!

This wool is very hairy so if you feel the hat is too scratchy around the forehead, try sewing a piece of soft ribbon around the inside. This yarn can also be 'shaved' with an ordinary razor....

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