

Trouble Dog Design

Flappy

A Malabrigo earflap hat knit in the round from the top down, in seedstitch with stockinette stripes, with short row earflaps. Make it your own with options for beading, pompoms or tassels - stylish and warm for a fashionable winter.

Size: Child - 21" head circumference (Adult S/M - 22.5", Adult L/XL - 24"). The stretchiness of this yarn fits a wide range of head sizes, from a 5 year-old to a big-head adult in my family!

Yarn: Malabrigo Merino Worsted (100% merino wool; 3.5 oz, 216 yards), 1 skein

US 5 double pointed needles (2)

US 7 32" circular needle

Stitch markers (5)

Tapestry needle

77 (85, 93) 6/0 E seed beads, optional

beading needle, optional

Gauge: 18 st and 36 rows in stockinette stitch on larger needles
17 st and 36 rows in seed stitch on larger needles

Stitch Pattern: Seed stitch (odd number of stitches): Round 1: *K1, P1* K1
Round 2: *P1, K1* P1 (knit the purls & purl the knits)

Pattern:

For beaded option: String 77 (85, 93) beads on yarn, using beading needle. Gently push beads back along yarn until needed. OR, knit pattern until beaded section, then cut yarn, string beads, and reattach yarn.

Using size 5 dpns and disappearing loop method, CO 12 stitches. Techknitter has an excellent tutorial for this method at <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2007/02/casting-on-from-middle-disappearing.html>

Switch to US 7 circular needle and arrange 6 st on front needle and 6 st on back needle for Magic Loop method of knitting in the round.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2 (setup round): Knit, placing marker after 2nd and 5th stitch on each needle. Use a different color for fourth marker which denotes end-of-round.

Round 3 (increase round): Knit, increasing one stitch each side of each marker by kfb into the stitch before and the stitch after each marker - 20 st on needles.

Round 4: Knit

Round 5 (incr round): Knit, increasing one stitch each side of each marker by kfb into the stitch before and the stitch after each marker - 28 st.

Round 6: Switch to seed stitch and work around as follows:

K1, P1, K1, K1, sl marker, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, sl marker, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, sl marker, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, sl marker, K1, P1, K1.

Maintain the stitch before and after each marker in stockinette (as a Knit stitch) regardless of whether the seed stitch pattern calls for it to be a purl. The seed stitch pattern resumes two stitches before and after each marker; sometimes two knit stitches will be next to each other on the same side of a marker. If you are unsure whether a stitch should be knit or purled (which is sometimes confusing, particularly after a marker on a round after the increase round), *then look a few stitches ahead on the left needle to discern the seed stitch pattern and knit the purls/ purl the knits.*

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Continue rounds in seed stitch through round 29 (33, 37), increasing as above every four rounds on rounds 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29 (33 and 37 as needed for larger sizes). 76 (84, 92) st on needles. You may choose to remove all but the end-of-round marker now.

Rounds 30 - 37 (34 - 41, 38 - 45): Knit 8 rounds, using M1 to make one invisible increase anywhere on the last round - 77 (85, 93)st on needles.

Rounds 38 - 40 (42 - 44, 46 - 48): Switch to seed stitch, and work around for 3 rounds.

For beaded option: On rounds 38 & 40 (42 & 44, 46 & 48), place a bead after every purl stitch by purling stitch, sliding bead up close to purl, then knitting the next stitch.

Rounds 41 - 48 (45 - 52, 49 - 56): Knit 8 rounds.

Rounds 49 - 58 (53 - 62, 57 - 66): Switch to seed stitch and work around for 10 rounds. Note: end-of-round marker is behind left ear.

Round 59 (63, 67)(RS - begin short rows to form back of hat): *Maintaining seed stitch for remainder of hat*, work to 33 (36, 39) st past end-of-round marker, slip and wrap next st, PM, turn work.

Round 60 (64, 68)(WS): work back 46 (50, 55) st, slip and wrap next st, PM, turn work.

Round 61 (65, 69)(RS): work to 1 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 62 (66, 70)(WS): work back to 1 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 63 (67, 71)(RS - make left earflap): work 18 (20, 22) st, slip, wrap & turn. You may PM before turning the work, to mark the back of left earflap; there will be 21 (23, 25) st of earflap.

Round 64 (68, 72)(WS): work back to 3 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 65 (69, 73)(RS): work to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 66 (70, 74)(WS): work back to 4 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 67 (71, 75)(RS): work to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 68 (72, 76)(WS): work back to 5 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 69 (73, 77)(RS): work to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 70 (74, 78)(WS): work back to 6 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 71 (75, 79)(RS): work to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 72 (76, 80)(WS): work back to 7 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Pause here for Child size; for Adult S/M and Adult L/XL continue:

Round XX (77, 81)(RS): work to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round XX (78, 82)(WS): work back to 8 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 73 (79, 83)(RS - make right earflap): work across left earflap, picking up wrapped stitches, and continue around back of hat to 3 st before right-side short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 74 (80, 84)(WS): Work back 17 (19, 21) st, slip, wrap & turn. You may PM before turning the work, to mark the back of right earflap; there will be 21 (23, 25) st of earflap.

Round 75 (81, 85)(RS): Work to 4 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 76 (82, 86)(WS): work back to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 77 (83, 87)(RS): work to 5 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 78 (84, 88)(WS): work back to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 79 (85, 89)(RS): work to 6 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 80 (86, 90)(WS): work back to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Round 81 (87, 91)(RS): work to 7 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn

Round 82 (88, 92)(WS): work back to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

Pause here for Child size; for Adult S/M and Adult L/XL continue:

Round XX (89, 93)(RS): work to 8 st before short-row marker, slip, wrap & turn.

Round XX (90, 94)(WS): work back to 2 st before last wrapped st, slip, wrap & turn.

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Round 83 (91, 95)(RS): Work across right earflap to right-side short-row marker, picking up wraps; continue working seed stitch across front of hat to left-side short-row marker; continue working to end-of-round marker, picking up wraps. End of short rows.

Round 84 (92, 96)(RS): Work one round in seed stitch, ending 3 st before end of round marker, and removing all other markers.

Round 85 (93, 97): BO loosely from 3 st before end-of-round marker, across back 24 (27, 30) st.

Make right tie: Slip live st on right needle to left needle. Slip next 4 st to dpn and make 4-stitch I-cord for 33 rows, approximately 5" long.

Cut yarn, leaving 6" tail, pull through last 4 st of I-cord.

Reattach yarn in front of right cord, leaving 6" tail. BO across front of hat to last 4 st.

Make left tie: Slip live st on right needle to left needle. Slip these 4 st to dpn and make 4-stitch I-cord for 33 rows, approximately 5" long.

Cut yarn, leaving 6" tail, pull through last 4 st of I-cord.

Weave tail by I-cord, pulling BO edge near to cord for neat continuous edge.

Weave in tails, OR:

Optional Pompons: Make 2 small pompons as follows: Wrap yarn loosely around 2" square piece of cardboard - the more wraps, the denser the finished pom. Holding wraps at middle, cut both ends straight across at edge of cardboard. Tie securely around middle of bundle using long tails at ends of I-cord ties, and tying close to end of I-cord. Fluff pom and trim. Repeat with 2 ½" square of cardboard for larger pom; attach firmly to top of hat using tail. Weave all ends.

Optional Tassels: Make 3 tassels as follows: Wrap yarn loosely around 2 ½" piece of cardboard; holding wraps firmly, cut one end straight across at edge of cardboard. Open wraps out flat and tie securely at middle using long tails from each I-cord and from top of hat. Using small yarn scrap, tie each tassel tightly ½" below top of tassel attached to hat. Trim tassel ends; weave all tails.

