



The Urban Homesteader

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Pig tails and Pony tails and Chickens, Oh My! All in the urban backyard.

Wear this whimsical yet practical hat with pride.

The idea for this hat started when I was (yet again) about to leave the house in winter without a hat on because I did not want to stretch out my hat with my ponytail. P-funk asked why I just didn't make a hat that I could wear with a ponytail. I started think of ways to accomplish this without leaving drafty holes in the hat open all the time.

The idea developed from there to include pigtails. Yes, most adult women do not wear pigtails, but those of use with bobs know that it is the most practical way to keep our hair out of the way. Maybe the hat is a bit much for you, but it can be a great fun and useful hat for a girl in your life. The perfect thing to grab as you run outside, whether you are going out to the store or out to feed the chickens.



SIZE

Child [Adult] (shown in both sizes)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference, unstretched: 18 [20] inches

To fit head circumference: 18-20[21-23] inches

MATERIALS**Child's Hat:**

[MC] Yarn Nerd 2400 MHz Merino [100% superwash merino; wool 200yd/183m per 113g skein]; color: RaspberrySherbet; 1 skein

Adult Hat:Pink and Brown Hat:

[MC] Yarn Nerd 2400 MHz Merino [100% superwash merino; wool 200yd/183m per 113g skein]; color: RaspberrySherbet; 1 skein

[CC] Sundara Worsted Merino [100% superwash Merino; 175yd/160m per 100g skein]; color: Chocolate over Cherry; 1 skein

1 set US #7/4.5mm double-point needles

1 16-inch US #7/4.5mm circular needle

1 16-inch US #6/4mm circular needle

notions required: 3 buttons per hat, 8 stitch markers (1 should be removable)

GAUGE

20sts/28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

PATTERN NOTES

M 3[4,6,8]st buttonhole

This pattern uses a one row buttonhole as demonstrated here:

<http://www.knitty.com/issuesummer07/FEATsum07TT.html>

The number of sts indicates how many sts you will BO for the buttonhole. On the following row, remember to ktbl of the newly cast on sts.

PATTERN**Hat**

On smaller circular needle, CO 90 [100] sts in CC, pm and join in the round

K1, [p2,k2] 5 times, work 7[12] sts in seed stitch, [k2,p2] 8 times, k2, work 7[12] sts in seed stitch, [k2, p2] 5 times, k1

Cont in pattern established for 7[9] more rows

This forms the bottom ribbing with a seed stitch panel on each side

Switch to MC and larger circular needle

K 7 rounds. You should be about 2.75 inches from the cast on edge.

On next row, k 6[8], m6st buttonhole, k until 12[14] sts before marker, m6st buttonhole.

K 8[10] rounds

Next row: K until 4 sts from marker, m8st buttonhole.

(Remove the marker as you come to it and hang it several stitches below to continue to mark the start of the round.)

Cont in st st and replace your marker in the appropriate location above the buttonhole.

K until you are 5[6] inches from the cast on edge.

K 11[12], pm, k 12[13], pm, k 11[12], pm, k 11[13], pm, k 11[12], pm, k 12[13], pm k 11[12], pm, k 11[13]

You will now start the decreases for the crown, switching to dpns when necessary:

Round 1: K until 2 st before marker, k2tog, repeat until end of round

Round 2: K all sts

Repeat these two rounds 3[5] more times

Starting on the next row, work round 1 until there are 10 sts left.

Break yarn and draw through remaining stitches.

Buttonhole Flaps

Pigtail buttonhole flaps:

Pick up 9 sts

Work 3 rows st st

K3, m3st buttonhole, K til end

P2, ptbl 4 sts, P to end

K1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1

P3, p2tog, p3

BO all sts

Ponytail buttonhole flap:

Pick up 11 sts

Work 3 rows st st

K3, m4st buttonhole, K til end

P3, ptbl 5 stitches, P til end

K1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1

P1, p2tog, k3, p2togtbl, k1

BO all sts

FINISHING

Whip stitch around the edges of buttonhole flaps with MC or CC.

Block hat and press down flaps if desired.

Attach buttons and pom-pom.