

# Cabled Earflap Hats

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## SIZE

Infant (6-12 months)  
Finished size: 15" diameter

## MATERIALS NEEDED

Yarn that will knit to gauge — approx. 50g  
(shown in Knit Picks Merino Style [six cable hat,  
purple] and RYC Cashsoft Aran [eleven cable hat, tan])  
16" circular needle and one set of DPNs  
(size US6 or size to knit to gauge)  
one stitch marker  
tapestry needle

## GAUGE

16 stitches = 4" in stockinette stitch

## ABBREVIATIONS

**M1:** "make one" increase — whichever one you like. I prefer M1F: from the front, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into back of loop. (Thanks to Amy Finlay for the concise description!)

**C4F:** slip 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold to the front of work. K2, then K2 from the cable needle.

**C6F:** slip 3 stitches onto a cable needle and hold to the front of work. K3, then K3 from the cable needle.

**SSK:** slip one stitch as if to knit, slip next stitch as if to purl, insert the left needle in the front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together.

**SK2P:** slip one stitch purlwise, knit next two stitches together, pass slipped stitch over

**K2tog:** knit two stitches together.

**P2tog:** Purl two stitches together.

## EARFLAPS

CO 6 stitches (on a DPN, if available).

R1: Knit all sts.

R2: K1, M1, K4, M1, K1

R3: K2, P4, K2

R4: K1, M1, P1, K4, P1, M1, K1

R5: K3, P4, K3

R6: K1, P2, C4F, P2, K1

R7: K3, P4, K3

R8: K1, P2, K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, P2, K1

R9: K3, P6, K3

R10: K1, M1, P2, K6, P2, M1, K1

R11: K1, P1, K2, P6, K2, P1, K1

R12: K2, P2, C6F, P2, K2

R13: K1, P1, K2, P6, K2, P1, K1

R14: K1, M1, K1, P2, K6, P2, K1, M1, K1 (16 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail, and leave the flap on its DPN. Repeat for 2nd flap.

## HAT BODY

Using a cable cast on, CO 12 stitches on the circular needle. Knit the 16 stitches from first ear flap *in pattern* (knit the knits, purl the purls), then CO 34 stitches. K16 from second ear flap, then CO 14.

(Confused? Refer to my Basic Earflap Hat pattern for a link to the video that shows what I'm talking about!)

Place marker and join, being careful not to twist stitches, and begin knitting in the round. As you knit around this first row, you'll notice four gaps, on either side of each ear flap. When you get to those, you will K2tog to close them up. Knit Round 1 as follows:

K6, P2, K3, K2tog, K2, P2,

K6, P2, K1, K2tog, K4

\*P2, K6\* 3 times,

P2, K3, K2tog, K2, P2,

K6, P2, K1, K2tog, K4, P2, K6, P2.

At the end of the round, you should have 88 stitches on the needles. Continue knitting in cable pattern as follows:

## VARIATION ONE: SIX-CABLE HAT

R2: \*K6, P2\*

R3: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R4-8: \*K6, P2\*

R9: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R10-14: \*K6, P2\*

R15: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R16-20: \*K6, P2\*

R21: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R22: \*K6, P2\*

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(begin decrease rows)

R23: \*K6, P2, SSK, K2, K2tog, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R24: \*K6, P2, K4, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R25: \*K6, P2, SSK, K2tog, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R26: \*K6, P2, K2, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R27: \*C6F, P2tog, K2, P2tog\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2tog

R28: \*K6, P1, K2tog, P1\* to last 7 sts, K6, P1

R29: \*SSK, K2, K2tog, P1, K1, P1\* to last 7 sts, SSK, K2, K2tog, P1

R30: \*SSK, K2tog, P1, K1, P1\* to last 5 sts, SSK, K2tog, P1

R31: \*K2tog, SK2P\* to last 3 sts, K2tog, P1

R32: K2tog around so that 6 sts remain, then pull yarn through remaining stitches with a tapestry needle. Pull end through to inside of hat, weave in, and trim.

## VARIATION TWO: ELEVEN-CABLE HAT

R2: \*K6, P2\*

R3: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R4-5: \*K6, P2\*

R6: \*K6, P2, C6F, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R7-8: \*K6, P2\*

R9: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R10-11: \*K6, P2\*

R12: \*K6, P2, C6F, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R13-14: \*K6, P2\*

R15: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R16-17: \*K6, P2\*

R18: \*K6, P2, C6F, P2\* to last 8 sts, K6, P2

R19-20: \*K6, P2\*

R21: \*C6F, P2, K6, P2\* to last 8 sts, C6F, P2

R22-23: \*K6, P2\*

(begin decrease rows)

R24: \*SSK, K2, K2tog, P2, C6F, P2\* to last 8 sts; SSK, K2, K2tog, P2

R25: \*K4, P2, K6, P2\* to last 6 sts; K4, P2

R26: \*K4, P2, SSK, K2, K2tog, P2\* to last 6 sts; K4, P2

R27: \*C4F, P2, K4, P2\* to last 6 sts; C4F, P2

R28: \*K4, P2tog\*

R29: \*SSK, K2tog, P1, K4, P1\* to last 5 sts; SSK, K2tog, P1

R30: \*K2, P1, SSK, K2tog, P1\* to last 3 sts; K2, P1

R31: \*K2tog, P1, K2, P1\* to last 3 sts; K2tog, P1

R32: \*K1, P1, K2tog, P1\* to last 2 sts; K1, P1

R33: \*SK2P, P1\* to last 2 sts; K1, P1

R34: K2tog around so that 6 sts remain, then pull yarn through remaining stitches with a tapestry needle. Pull end through to inside of hat, weave in, and trim.

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. (I like to leave the tails where I ended the earflaps long so that I can use them to tighten up or otherwise correct anything that looks wonky around the earflap join area.)

There are a few ways you can add straps — pick up 3-4 sts and knit in garter stitch or seed stitch until desired length. OR pick up 3-4 stitches and knit i-cord until desired length. OR, thread through three long pieces of yarn and braid the double-strands until desired length, then tie off and trim. Block and lay flat to dry.