



## Mossy Cottage Patterns

### Dulaan Cloud Hat®

This rolled-brim hat was designed for the Dulaan Project which collects warm, hand-knitted items for homeless and orphaned children and homeless adults in Mongolia which, in the winter, has extreme, sub-zero weather.

This simple, quick-to-knit, lightweight yet extraordinarily warm hat is made by combining a strand of mohair yarn with a strand of any worsted weight yarn, giving the finished hat a soft halo effect. The fun comes from trying different combinations of yarn: White or off-white mohair with variegated worsted, or variegated mohair with white or off-white worsted, or any mohair and worsted you have in your stash. What about stripes? The results are always kicky and interesting! The hat in the picture to the right was knit with a bright, jewel-tone mohair combined with an eggshell-white worsted.



#### MATERIALS

- 1 skein of mohair yarn. For my first hat, I used Katia Ingenua (153 yards) and found I had enough for two hats.
- 1 skein of worsted weight yarn. I used Harrisville, Philosopher's Wool, Cascade 220, any worsted-weight yarn I found in my stash. Depending on the yardage of the skein, you can make two or more hats.
- 1 16", size 10.5 circular needle for knitting the brim and the crown
- 1 set size 10.5 double-pointed needles (dpns) for the decreases at the top
- Embroidery needle for weaving in yarn ends

**GAUGE:** Not terribly important but this creates a bulky weight yarn.

**SIZE:** Medium (18" inside circumference, unstretched) and large (19" inside circumference, unstretched). Although this hat is knit entirely in stockinette, it has a lot of stretch and will fit a variety of heads. Instructions for the larger version are shown in parentheses. To make larger or smaller versions, reduce or increase the stitch count by six.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

- K = knit
- K2tog = knit two stitches together. This will combine two stitches together with a right-leaning slant. Your stitch count will be reduced by one.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Loosely cast on 60 (66) stitches. Put a stitch marker on your right-hand needle. (Even if you don't normally use stitch markers, I recommend doing so since it will help when it's time to do the decreases.)
- 2 Join, being careful not to twist the stitches, and knit around.
- 3 Continue knitting until the hat is approximately 7.75" long. (For me, this took approximately 37 rows.) If you're concerned about running out of yarn, make the hat a little shallower, perhaps 7", although my original goal was to make the hat long enough to cover your ears, even with the edge rolled up.

### DECREASES

Knit the decreases as instructed below, switching to the dpns when the stitches no longer fit around the circumference of the circular needle.

*Round 1:* \*K4, k2tog. Repeat from \* around. You will now have 50 (55) stitches.

***Rounds 2, 4, 6, and 8:* Knit around.**

*Round 3:* \*K3, k2tog. Repeat from \* around. You will now have 40 (44) stitches.

*Round 5:* \*K2, k2tog. Repeat from \* around. You will now have 30 (33) stitches.

*Round 7:* \*K1, k2tog. Repeat from \* around. You will now have 20 (22) stitches.

*Round 9:* K2tog around. You will now have 10 (11) stitches.

*Round 10:* K2tog around. For the large size, you will have one stitch left over which you can just knit. You will have 5 (6) stitches remaining.

### FINISHING

- 1 Break off the yarn, leaving a tail long enough to run through the remaining stitches and to weave in.
- 2 Using the embroidery needle, run the yarn through the remaining stitches, removing the dpns as you go. Pull gently on the yarn to tighten and neaten the stitches at the top of the hat.
- 3 Run the embroidery needle down through the middle of the top of the hat. Snug everything up, and weave in the end of the yarn.
- 4 Weave in the cast-on end of the yarn. Remember to weave it in on the *outside* of the hat so it doesn't show. It will be hidden inside the "roll."

