



**Dulaan Avalanche Hat**

**Dulaan Avalanche Hat** – by Peggy McCune, October 31, 2006

**Yarn:** ~80 yards of Avalanche Yarn (Paternayan Rug Yarn) - Super Bulky

**Gauge:** ~2-2.5 Stitches per inch

**Needles:** US 13 – One 16" circular needle or One set of double points  
US 11 – Two 24" circular needles or One set of double points

**Pattern:** Seed Stitch body with Stockinette Stitch crown, and I-cord topknot.

**Directions for the body:**

Using larger needle (US 13), cast on 49\* stitches, join in the round.

Round 1 through 18: Working In the round, K1, P1 seed stitch for 18 rounds, for about 5 inches.

Round 19: K one round plain.

**Directions for the crown:**

Change to US 11 needles, and continue working in the round.

Round 1: \*K5, SSK\* around (decreasing to 42 stitches)

Round 2,4,6,8: K

Round 3: \*K4, SSK\* around (decreasing to 35 stitches)

Round 5: \*K3, SSK\* around (decreasing to 28 stitches)

Round 7: \*K2, SSK\* around (decreasing to 21 stitches)

Round 9: \*K1, SSK\* around (decreasing to 14 stitches)

Round 10: \*SSK\* around (decreasing to 7 stitches)

Round 11: SSK twice, then SSSK one time (last 3 stitches into one) leaving 3 stitches total on your needle.

**Directions for I-cord:**

Using the last 3 stitches on the needle, make I-cord by knitting these 3 stitches, then sliding the stitches back to the other end of the needle and drawing the yarn from behind to knit with. Repeat until the I-cord is about 8 inches long, or you run out of yarn. Weave in the end, and tie I-cord in a loose knot to finish. Weave in cast-on end of yarn.

A bell or tassel can be added to the end of the I-cord for decoration.

To increase or decrease size of hat, cast-on multiples of 7, keeping in mind that in order for seed stitch to work in the round, it must be worked on an uneven number of stitches. The number of stitches cast on can be fudged a bit, i.e.: cast on 57 stitches for the seed stitch, and then decrease 1 stitch on Round 19 to equal 56. Then work the decreasing crown for an additional 2 rounds.

Earflaps can be added with leftover yarn.