

Button Flap Hat

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I wanted a sporty but yet funky hat to wear with my new ski coat I had just purchased, so I first made a traditional earflap hat, to which I put on, turned toward my husband and heard him say “wanna toss around the pig skin.” Needless to say I frogged that one and thought for a few days and came up with this pattern, which combines the earflap look with a really wide brim, which does not make me look like a 1940’s football player!

Materials

Knitting Loom: Small Gauge Loom with at least 58 pegs. Markman Farms Small Gauge Adjustable Double Rake was used in sample.

Yarn: 1 skein of worsted weight yarn needed, 1 skein and ½ of another if you want to make it two colors like the sample. Red Heart heather grey and cherry red were used in sample.

Notions: Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, Big Buttons, Stitch Markers or yarn scraps to hold individual stitches (32 of them).

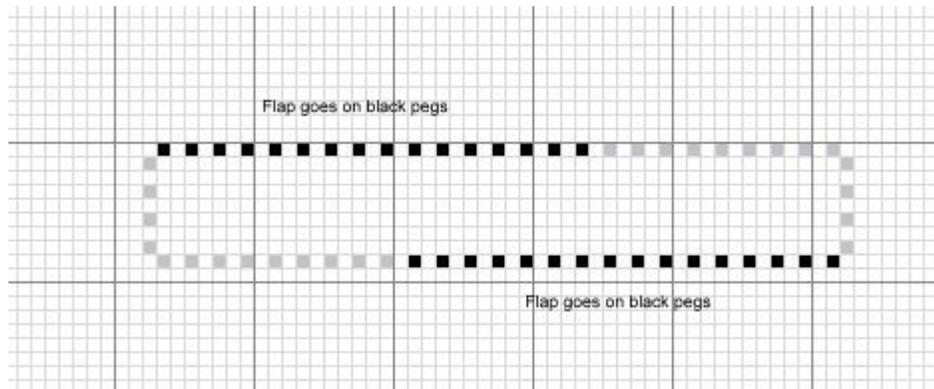
Gauge: Garter Stitch: 5 stitches and 7 rows per 1”
E-wrap: 4 rows per 1”

Abbreviations: CO: Cast on
BO: Bind off

Pattern Notes: Entire hat done holding two strands as one. Must have knowledge of Garter Stitch, gather bind off, and e-wrap.



Instructions



Flaps: (make two- following diagram) (approx. 4" tall)

1. Use Grey yarn, holding two strands as one
2. Following the Diagram, CO 16 pegs where indicated, making one flap at a time
3. Make a Flat Panel using Garter Stitch for a total of 28 rows, leave a 6" tail to weave in at the end.
 - a. Garter Stitch is Knitting odd rows (1,3,5...) and Purling the even rows (2,4,6...)
 - b. You should end with a purl row
4. Repeat for other Flap
5. Place all 16 stitches of each flap on stitch markers and remove from the loom
6. Turn the flap around so that the "nice" side is facing to the inside of the loom and the "not as pretty" backside is now facing toward the outside of the loom, return each loop to a peg
 - a. Start by placing the loop that was on peg 16 on peg 1, continue placing each loop back on a peg until loop 1 is on peg 16
7. Repeat for the other flap
 - a. You will now have turned each flap the opposite direction so that when you flip it up, the Garter stitch on the flap will match the Garter stitch on the brim.

Brim: (approx. 3" tall)

1. Use Grey yarn, holding two strands as one
2. CO 58 pegs beginning with your starter peg using a method that will create a firm edge
3. E-wrap and knit off the pegs that have loops on them from the flaps
4. Garter Stitch 22 rows
5. Cut both strands of yarn leaving a 6" tail for weaving in

Top of Hat: (approx. 4" tall)

1. Hold a strand of red and grey as one
2. Attach to loom and e-wrap pegs
3. Knit 15 rows using e-wrap
4. BO using the Gather method

Finishing:

1. Weave in ends, making sure to weave in earflap ends on the outside which will be against the hat when the flaps are flipped up
2. Fold the flaps up and attach the buttons through the flaps and the hat, pinning the flaps to the hat

