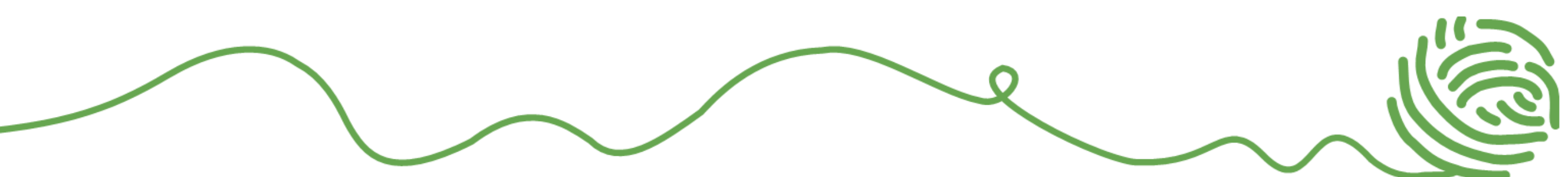


Buckaroo hat

Cowboy hat for dogs



Pattern



This pattern is worked from the brim in. Decreasing stitches gives the hat its distinctive shape. After knitting, the hat is felted and shaped in order to achieve the perfect cowboy style finish. The hat is finished with some decorative thread and elastic to keep the hat secure and in place on your pet's head. This hat works great for dogs but would also work well for cats and other pets too!

Materials

- 8mm circular needles (or size needed to achieve the correct gauge). **Or** 4 8mm double pointed needles.
- 40cm cable for circular needles + longer cable if using the magic loop method (or double pointed needles).
- 1 Skein Drops Snow (50g) - colour black - there will be plenty to spare!
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Elastic - around 30cm but this will depend on the size of your pet's head
- Small piece of yarn of your choice (optional)

Notes

Gauge: 11 stitches and 15 rows in a 10x10cm square.

Note on shape: you want the length to be longer than the width before the felting stage as it tends to shrink more length-ways.

Stage 1: The Brim

On 40cm circular needles or 4 double pointed needles, cast on 70 stitches. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round.

Join in the round and continue to knit one round in stocking stitch.

Decrease round 1: Knit 3 then knit 2tog. Do this 14 times. 56 stitches remain.

Knit two rounds even.

Decrease round 2: Knit 2 then knit 2tog. Do this 14 times. 42 stitches remain.

Knit two rounds even.

Decrease round 3: Knit 1 then knit 2tog. Do this 14 times. 28 stitches remain.

Place a fixed marker here and change to double pointed needles or magic loop when too few stitches remain.

Knit each round even until piece measures 6.5cm from the fixed marker.





Stage 4: Shaping

To shape the hat, place it over a small glass or bowl.

Cup the hat and glass with your hand and pull gently away to distinguish the brim from the top of the hat. Do not pull too hard as this may stretch the hat out of shape.

Press the crown of the hat to flatten it down against the glass.

Finally, fold the two long edges of the brim up and allow the hat to dry.

Stage 2: The Crown

Decrease round 1: Knit 2 then knit 2tog. 21 stitches remain.

Knit one round even.

Decrease round 2: Knit 1 knit 2tog. 14 stitches remain.

Knit one round even.

Final decrease round: Knit 2tog all round.

Stage 6: Elastic and thread

To finish the hat, tie a piece of thread of contrasting colour around the central hat, as in the picture.

Finally, attach the elastic by sewing it under either side of the brim.

Stage 3: Finishing

Using a tapestry needle, pull the working yarn through the remaining stitches and pull to seal the hole.

Cut yarn and weave in any loose ends.

Stage 4: Felting

Felting can be done by hand or by machine. I would recommend doing it by hand unless you have top-loading washing machine.

Agitate the piece in hot, soapy water until the stitches come together to form one fabric.

Squeeze out the excess water, being careful not to stretch it.

