

# *Michael Nesmith Hat*

A free hat design by Kate Lonsdale of Moon & Sixpence Knits

inspired by Michael "Wool Hat" Nesmith of The Monkees

**Size:** adult, medium

**Finished Measurements:** 15"/38 cm circumference and 10 1/2"/27 cm tall (unstretched, see note below)

**Needles:** Size 10 ½ double-pointed needles

**Yarn:** 3 skeins Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran (55% merino wool/33% microfiber/12% cashmere; 82 yards/90 meters; 1.75 oz/50 g), color #300506

**Other Materials:**

- One stitch marker
- One large tapestry needle
- One 2 1/2" Clover pom-pom maker (optional)

**Gauge:** 17 sts and 19 rows = 4"/10 cm in 1 X 1 rib stitch with two strands of yarn held together

**A note about gauge and finished measurements:** this hat is worked with two strands held together throughout and is meant to be worn stretched out to fit snugly on the top of the head. Unstretched, the finished circumference will be considerably smaller than average adult head measurements.

## *Instructions:*

Cast on 64 stitches with two strands held together. Place stitch marker at beginning of round. Work in 1 X 1 rib stitch (\*knit one, purl one\*, repeat from \* to \* until end of row) until hat measures 8"/20.5 cm from cast-on row.

Begin shaping top of hat as follows:

Top Round 1: (work 6 stitches in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—56 stitches remain

Top Round 2: (work 5 stitches in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—48 stitches remain

Top Round 3: (work 4 stitches in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—40 stitches remain



Top Round 4: (work 3 stitches in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—32 stitches remain

Top Round 5: (work 2 stitches in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—24 stitches remain

Top Round 6: (work 1 stitch in rib patt, knit 2 together) 8 times—16 stitches remain

Top Round 7: knit 2 together 8 times—8 stitches remain

*Do not bind off.* Cut yarn leaving a tail approximately 12"/30.5 cm from knitting needle and thread the end through the tapestry needle. Insert the tapestry needle into the last stitch in the row purlwise and thread it through all the stitches on the dpns. Remove each dpn slowly as you thread through all the stitches on that needle. Pull the yarn taut forming a circle.

Tie the yarn off but do not trim it. Save this tail for attaching the pom-pom.

**Making the Pom-pom:** you can use a Clover 2 1/2" pom-pom maker or do it yourself by wrapping the yarn around a stiff piece of cardboard (or something similar) about 2 – 2 1/2"/5 – 6.5 cm wide. Wrap the yarn around the cardboard until the pom-pom is the desired thickness. Cut yarn about 20"/51 cm from the cardboard. Thread the end of the yarn through the tapestry needle and wrap it three times around the center of the pom-pom loops, pulling them taut. Pull the pom-pom off the piece of cardboard. Make a strong, tight knot in the yarn wrapped around the center of the pom-pom. Cut the ends of the pom-pom loops and trim to form a round ball of the desired size.

## ***Finishing:***

Weave in ends and block according to measurements. Attach the pom-pom to the top center of the hat with the tapestry needle and yarn.

Enjoy your groovy new hat! Wear it and, as the song says, you'll get the funniest looks from everyone you meet!