



CAPITÁN

Yarn: Catalina Chunky Alpaca, 1 skein (109 yds)

Gauge: 3.5 sts and 6 Rnds per inch in Stockinette

Needle Size: US 10 (I used a 16" Addi Turbo and dpns for the top)

Notions: 2 really cute buttons (the ones shown were purchased at M&J Trimmings)

Here's a hat pattern that is easy to memorize and fits from a child to an adult with a big head or lots of hair! Knit this up in a couple of hours for a quick gift.

Best of all, it takes only ONE skein of a yarn that's like drugs for your fingers! If you haven't knit with Catalina Alpaca yet, you're missing out. Hurry up and go get some before it finishes!

Abbreviations

BO – bind off

C6L – move next 3 stitches to a cable needle **and hold in front**; knit next 3 stitches from your knitting needle, then knit 3 from cable needle

CO – cast on

inc – increase

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together

kf&b – knit in the front and in the back of the same stitch

kwise – knitwise

M1L – make 1 stitch by picking up the right leg of the stitch below the next stitch on the left needle and knitting into the back of it

M1R – make 1 stitch by picking up the leg of the stitch a row below the one you just knit and knitting into the back of it

p – purl

psso – pass slipped stitch over

PM – place marker

rep – repeat

rnd - round

RS – right side of fabric

sl – slip

SM – slip marker

ssk – slip 2 stitches as if to knit, then knit them together through the back loop

st st – stockinette stitch

sts – stitches

tog – together

WS – wrong side of fabric

yo – yarn over (bring yarn to front and wrap around needle)



PATTERN

Using a long-tail cast on, CO 74 stitches. Join for working in the round. **Place marker to note the beginning of the round.**

Rnd 1: [p2, k6] 4 times, [p2, k5] 6 times.

Rnd 2: repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 3: [p2, C6L] 4 times, [p2, k5] 6 times.

Rnds 4 – 10: repeat Rnd 1.

Repeat Rnds 3 through 10 two more times. Repeat Rnd 3 once. (27 rnds completed; approx. 5.5” from CO edge; you should have 4 cables total.)

Repeat Rnd 1 once.

Next Rnd: remove **marker from beginning of round**, [p1, PM, p1, k6, p2, k6] 2 times, [p1, PM, p1, k5, p2, k5] 3 times.

Decrease Rnd: *p1, ssk, knit in pattern until 3 sts before next marker, k2tog, p1, SM; repeat from * around.

Repeat Decrease Rnd until 24 sts remain.

Next Rnd: [p1, ssk, k2tog, p1] 2 times, [ssk, k2tog] 4 times (14 sts remain).

Next Rnd: [ssk, k2tog] 2 times, [sl 1, k2tog, pss0] 2 times (6 sts remain).

Cut yarn and pull through remaining sts. Secure tail inside.



Brim

After several tries, I decided to go with a brim inspired by that one on the Cabled Newsboy Cap by Shannita Williams-Alleyne in Stitch & Bitch Nation. Shannita: thanks for designing that kick-butt brim! I love it!

PU 14 sts along center front of hat, encompassing the two center cables. You'll be working back and forth in rows now.

Row 1 (WS): purl across.

Row 2: k2, M1R, PM, k10, PM, M1L, k2, PU and knit 2 sts from hat CO

edge.

Row 3: p to end, PU 2 sts from hat CO edge.

Row 4: k to marker, M1R, PM, k10, PM, M1L, k to end, PU and knit 2 sts from hat CO edge.

Row 5: repeat Row 3.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 until a total of 44 sts are on your needle, ending with RS facing.

Next row (RS): purl across.

Next row: BO 2 sts, purl to end.

Next row: BO 2 sts, knit to 2 sts before marker, ssk, SM, k10, SM, k2tog, knit to end.

Repeat last two rows until 14 sts remain. BO. Stitch open edge closed on bottom of brim.

Strip

CO 5 sts.

Row 1: knit across.

Row 2: k1, kf&b, k1, kf&b, k1. (7 sts)

Row 3: repeat Row 1.

Row 4: k2, p3, k2.

Row 5 (buttonhole): k2, k2tog, yo, k3.

Row 6: repeat Row 4.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 for a total of 30 more rows.

Next row: repeat Row 5.

Next row: repeat Row 4.

Next row: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1.

Next row: k2, p1, k2.

BO all sts in knit.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew buttons to cap as shown in picture, with strip across the bottom of the cables. DO NOT sew down the strip. Block lightly if you wish.

Wear proudly, walk tall and don't forget to say "Sí, Capitán!"

