

Tête à Fetching

This pattern came about because I wanted a hat to match the fab fingerless gloves I'd made using the *Fetching* pattern from Knitty.com's Summer 2006 issue. This is what I came up with.

In my version of both *Fetching* and this hat, I used a DK weight 100% cashmere yarn. That was because I wanted something lightweight but warm. However, the gauge is the same as in the *Fetching* pattern, so you can certainly use the same yarn (for eg. Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran or similar) as you have for the gloves if you've made them. Using an aran weight yarn will give you a thicker, warmer fabric, so if you want this for a cold-weather hat, that's what you should go for. Worsted weight yarns should also be fine, just as long as you get the right gauge, and a knitted fabric that you're happy with.

Sizes:

- ◆ Small [Medium, Large]

Measurements:

- ◆ To fit approx: 20-21" [22", 23"+] head circumference

Gauge:

- ◆ 20 sts and 32 rows = 4" / 10cm in unstretched 4x1 rib

Materials:

- ◆ 1 skein Posh Yarn Sophia 6-ply (100% cashmere, 150 yards per 55g skein)
(See above for other yarn suggestions)
- ◆ 4mm / US6, 16cm circular needle, and set of 4mm / US6 DPNs
- ◆ *Alternatively:* longer 4mm / US6 circular needle if using Magic Loop technique.
- ◆ 1 stitch marker
- ◆ Darning / tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

- ◆ K2tog: Knit two stitches together.
- ◆ 4x1 rib: K4, P1
- ◆ C4B: Slip two stitches to a cable needle, hold them at the back of the work; knit the next two stitches from the main needle, then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.
- ◆ C4F: Slip two stitches to a cable needle, hold them in the front of the work; knit the next two stitches from the main needle, then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.

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Cast on 100 [110, 120] stitches using the cable cast-on. Place stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the row, and join in the round.

Rows 1-6: Work in 4x1 rib.

Row 7: *C4B, P1, C4F, P1* to end.

Rows 9-12: Work in 4x1 rib.

Row 13: *C4B, P1, C4F, P1* to end.

Rows 14-18: Work in 4x1 rib.

Row 19: *C4B, P1, C4F, P1* to end.

Continue to work in 4x1 rib until the hat measures 5" / 12.5cm in total.



Next row: *C4B, P1, C4F, P1* to end.

Work three rows in 4x1 rib.

Decrease rounds:

Change to DPNs when necessary.

Row 1: *K1, K2tog, K1, P1, K4, P1* to end.

Row 2: *K3, P1, K4, P1* to end.

Row 3: *K3, P1, K1, K2tog, K1, P1* to end.

Row 4: *K3, P1* to end.

Row 5: *K1, K2tog, P1, K3, P1* to end.

Row 6: *K2, P1, K3, P1* to end.

Row 7: *K2, P1, K1, K2tog, P1* to end.

Row 8: *K2, P1* to end.

Row 9: *K2tog, P1, K2, P1* to end.

Row 10: *K1, P1, K2tog, P1* to end.

Row 11: *K2tog* to end.

Row 12: *K2tog* to end.

Row 13: K0 [1, 0], *K2tog* to end - 5 [6, 6] sts remaining.



Cut the yarn leaving a 8" / 20cm tail. Thread end onto the tapestry needle, and pass through the remaining live stitches, drawing tight to close the hole.

Weave in ends.

Wear proudly with your matching Fetching gloves! Or with anything you like - the gloves aren't compulsory, but the two do look, well, mighty fetching together.



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