

# Rugged Man Hat

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## Materials

1 skein of Handspun Hope Organic Merino  
Size 8 US 16" circular needles  
Size 8 US double pointed needles

## Pattern

Using circular needles, cast on 88 sts using the long tail method. Take care not to twist stitches and join in the round, placing marker at beginning of round.

Round 1: \*k2, p2\* repeat between \* until end of round

Repeat round 1 until hat measures 9" from cast on, unstretched.

Begin decreasing, switching to double pointed needles when necessary:

Round 1: \*k2, p2tog\* repeat between \* until end of round (66 sts)

Round 2: \*k2, p1\* repeat between \* until end of round

Round 3: \*k2tog, p1\* repeat between \* until end of round (44 sts)

Round 4: \*k1, p1\* repeat between \* until end of round

Round 5: with beginning-of-round needle, unknit the last purl stitch of the previous round, then knit that stitch together with the first stitch of the next round. \*k2tog\* repeat between \* until the end of round, slipping last stitch on each dpn to the next needle as necessary (22 sts)

Round 6: \*k2tog\* repeat between \* until end of round (11 sts)

Cut a 7" tail, pass it through the remaining sts and fasten off. Weave in both ends. Block if desired in luke-warm water for 20 minutes, press out excess water, and let dry. Don't stretch. Add a pom, or don't, and put this hat on a ruggedly handsome head!