

# FELTED HAT



Another fabulous felt project from **Twiss & Weber**. Felting is a great second step knitting project; due to the fact that all mistakes come out in the wash.

This is a great hat for winter and makes a fun gift. Depending on how you block your finished project you can end up with a verity of styles. Pictured shown as a Fedora or as a Cloche. Tonia has taught many Felted Cloche classes as a second step knitting class and it has always been a big hit.

## Pattern Notes

Small Medium Large

Knitted double stranded

US 11/8mm Circular or Double Pointed Needles

2 balls of Cascade 220, 100% Wool  
220 yards/100 grams

## Gauge

18 sts and 24 rows makes 4x4"/10x10cm

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### Knitting Instructions

With two strands of yarn cast on 62 (66, 70) stitches, PM to indicate beginning of round. Join in round being careful not to twist work.

Knit in stockinette until hat measures 7" -8"/19-20cm. Depending on desired hat depth.

Top of hat: Decreasing Rounds

[K2tog, K3], Repeat to end of round. (If stitches do not come out evenly, remember it will not show after felting.)

Knit 2 rounds.

[K2tog, K2], Repeat to end of round.

Knit 2 rounds.

[K2tog, K2], Repeat to end of round.

Knit 1 round.

[K2tog, K1] Repeat to end of round.

Knit 1 round.

[K2tog] Repeat until 15 to 12 stitches remain.

### Cloche Style Brim

Along brim, pick up 62 (66, 70) stitches, PM

K1 [Kfb K2] Repeat to end of round.

Knit 4 rounds.

K1 [Kfb K3] Repeat to end of round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Bind off.



### Baseball Brim

Along brim, pick up 32 (38, 38) stitches.

Turn work, Purl 1 Row.

K1 [Kfb, K2] Repeat between for a total of 10 (12, 12) times, K1.

\*P1, p2tog, p2tog. Purl to last 5sts, p2tog, p2tog, P1.

K1, k2tog, k2tog. Knit to last 5sts, k2tog, k2to, K1.\*

Repeat between \*, until there are 26 (30, 30) stitches.

Bind off.

Tuck in any loose yarn ends

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### **Felting Instructions**

Place your hat in a zippered pillowcase, or if you do not have one with a zipper just tie the open end of your regular pillowcase. Tuck your knitted hat inside.

For the first round of felting, toss the package into the washer. You will want to use about a tablespoon of liquid dish detergent to help the felting process. Put the washer on “hot water wash”, high agitation cycle with a cold rinse.

After the spin cycle removes most of the water, take your hat out and check its size. You may need to repeat this process if your hat has not shrunk down enough for you. Continue to cycle your hat through the washer until you are happy with the size. Maybe try the damp thing on!

If you notice that your hat is uneven anywhere, it is easy to reshape any bumps or lumps by hand. Throw on a couple of rubber gloves to protect your skin. Use a little soap and submerge the hat in hot water and rub the fibres together briskly between your hands. Repeat this in cold water. To get most of the water out, run it through the spin cycle.

When you are happy with the size and shape of your hat, stuff it with a towel. Shape it the way you want it to be... a crease in the crown, a curve in the brim, a pleated brim, the options are plenty. Leave your shaped and stuffed hat to dry overnight. This may take a little longer to dry depending on the thickness of the fibre and the effectiveness of your spin cycle.

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