

GLAM ROCK SKI HAT

aka Vince's Tundra Hat, by knittyinpink

Inspired by Vince's ear flap hat worn in the series 1 Mighty Boosh episode "Tundra".

This is more of a set of notes than a complete pattern, I hope they are of some use.

ORIGINAL MATERIALS USED:

Main hat:

Yarn: Jaeger Extra Fine Merino Chunky

Yardage: 3 skeins @ 69 yards/skein = 207 yards

You may need a little extra yarn if you are adding pompoms

Needles: 4.5mm circular + 4.5mm straights & DPNs

Crochet hook for edging

Lightning bolts (needle-felted):

Small amount of Lamb's Pride Bulky in cream

Small amount of toning fibre (natural BFL used)

Needle-felting needle

Suitable foam block for felting

Gauge: 16 sts = 4 inches in stockinette

PATTERN NOTES:

This hat was made deliberately large – the original example in the episode looked generous-sized when worn. You may wish to reduce the stitch counts in line with your crown size if you want a snugger fitting hat. The example in the picture measures approximately 22 inches around i.e. there is a lot of positive ease! The hat was also blocked over a head form which increased its girth a little.

Ear flaps (make two):

Using 4.5mm straight needles CO 4 stitches

Row 1 – knit to end

Row 2 – purl to end

Row 3 – (and every odd row to row 15 inclusive) sl1, kfb, k to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1

Row 4 – (and every even row to row 16 inclusive) sl1, purl to end

Row 17 – knit to end

Row 18 – purl to end

Row 19 – as row 3

Row 20 - purl to end (20 stitches)

Rows 21 to 40 inclusive – continue in stocking stitch as set

Leave live stitches on DPN or stitch holder.

Hat:

To attach the ear flap into a round for the hat crown, I transferred the first ear flap onto the circular needle, then CO a further 24 stitches using the backwards loop (double twisted) method. I then joined in the second ear flap and CO a further 24 stitches, making a total on 88 sts OTN.

I would advise that you may wish to CO more stitches for the front of the hat and proportionally fewer for the back, my notes do not state whether I did this and I can't now remember!



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Join in the round and knit approximately 5.5 inches in stockinette (i.e. Knit every round). You may wish to reduce this a little depending on desired effect and head size.

On the next knit round, place markers evenly around (in the example every 22 stitches) dividing the hat stitches into four equal sections.

Begin decreases as follows:

Row 1 – K2tog (K to 2 stitches before marker, SSK, sm, k2tog)* repeat to end of round , SSK

(this makes 4 sets of paired decreases)

Row 2 – knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 3 times more, i.e. 4 times in total

Then repeat row 1 every row until 8 stitches remain.

Cut yarn, thread through stitches and fasten off. Weave in any ends.

Crochet edging:

In order to stabilise the edging and help prevent curling, add a double crochet (UK single crochet) edging all around the edges including the ear flaps, using a suitable hook for the yarn size.

I-cord braids:

Add a 2 or 3 stitch i-cord to the end of each ear flap, originals were approx. 15 inches long. You could also simply add braids using multiple strands of yarn.

Wash and block the hat, then make 2 pompoms if required and attach to the ends of the i-cords.

Needle-felting:

To make the lightning bolt motifs on each ear flap, I used the Lamb's Pride yarn to make the outlines first, these were done by eye without a template. You may wish to make a card template and use that to tack the outer edge around.

I then filled in with more yarn, then added a top layer of BFL fibre to give a smoother look.

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