

Bucking Bronco Hat



This hat is knitted from the bottom up, starting with the ear flaps. For the body of the hat, I start out knitting in the round then switch to the [intarsia in the round](#) method for the Tractor Chart (it could be [stranded](#) if the intarsia method is too confusing, but make sure to keep the strands loose as the hat WILL NOT be stretchy) and I finish off the hat by knitting in the round. Also, the braid attached to the ear flaps is an [8-stranded square braid](#).

This hat is for a child, 8-14 years old. If you would like a different size, adjust your needles and/or your yard.

Print the pattern.

Gauge:

7 rows is 1", 5.5 STS is 1"

Materials:

Size 4 Double

Point Needles (DPNs) and Circular Needles

1 skein of [Caron Simply Soft](#) in Bone and Chocolate

Size E Crochet Hook

Yarn Needle

[Bronco Chart](#)

Abbreviations:

MC = Main Color (Chocolate)

CC = Contrast Color (Bone)

CO = Cast On

K = Knit

[M1A = Make 1 Away](#)

STS = Stitches

PM = Place Marker

K2Tog = Knit 2 Together

SC = Single Crochet

SL = Slip Stitch

Ear Flaps:

Using the circular needles, with MC, CO 3 STS

Row 1: K1, P to 1 before end, K1

Row 2: K1, M1A, K to 1 before end, M1A, K1

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until there are 33 STS (30 rows total). Repeat Row 1 once more. Cut yarn. Push the ear flap out of the way of the needles and hold on the circular part.

For the second ear flap, repeat the same process as for the first, but don't cut the yarn.

Hat Body:

Turn and K across the 2nd ear flap. Using a [Cable CO](#), loosely CO 27 STS, K across the 1st ear flap. Again, using the Cable CO, loosely CO 3 STS, PM. (96 STS)

Being careful not to twist, connect for knitting in the round. Knit 2 rows in MC then start Bronco Chart.

Switch to DPNs in the last row of the Bronco Chart.

The rest of the hat will be knitted in the CC.

Decreases:

Round 1: *K10, K2Tog, repeat from * around (88 STS)

Round 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: K around

Round 3: *K9, K2Tog, repeat from * around (80 STS)

Round 5: *K8, K2Tog, repeat from * around (72 STS)

Round 7: *K7, K2Tog, repeat from * around (64 STS)

Round 9: *K6, K2Tog, repeat from * around (56 STS)

Round 11: *K5, K2Tog, repeat from * around (48 STS)

Round 12: *K2, K2Tog, K2 repeat from * around (40 STS)

Round 13: *K3, K2Tog, repeat from * around (32 STS)

Round 14: *K1, K2Tog, K1 repeat from * around (24 STS)

Round 15: *K1, K2Tog, repeat from * around (16 STS)

Round 16: K2Tog around (8 STS)

Cut a 6" tail and using the yarn needle, thread through the remaining STS and pull tight to close up the hole then go through the top of the hat and tie a knot inside of the hat. Weave in loose ends.

