HAVE A GO AT CABLE KNITTING!

KEEPING COSY

This toasty hat by **Rico Design** *is sure to help the recipient stay warm on a cold night.*

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DESIGN

CABLE HAT

YOU WILL NEED
- Rico Design, Essentials Merino DK, (100% wool, 50g/120m) 2 balls of Burgundy (009)
- A pair of 3¼mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A cable needle

For yarn stockists contact your local Rico Design retailer or online stockist

TENSION
27 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern on 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS
53cm (21in) diameter

ABBREVIATIONS
C10B slip 5 sts onto cn, hold at back of work, K5 from left-hand needle, K5 from cn
C6B slip 3 sts onto cn, hold at back of work, K3 from left-hand needle, K3 from cn

Warm hats are always welcome items of clothing when it's chilly, and Rico's unisex design has a ribbed brim to make it extra snug. The cables create a lovely texture, and once you've mastered the cabling pattern the hat will knit up quickly. Finish with a jaunty pompom!

CABLE HAT
Cast on 142 sts using 3¼mm needles and thumb method.
Row 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2 *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.
These 2 rows will now be referred to as 2x2 rib.
Cont in 2x2 rib until work measures 9cm, ending with a RS row.
Next row P to end inc 3 sts evenly across row. [145 sts]

Change to 4mm needles and work as follows:
Row 1 *P6, K10; rep from * to last st, P1.
Row 2 K1, *P10, K6; rep from * to end.
Rep rows 1 & 2 once.
Row 5 *P6, C10B; rep from * to last st, P1.

Row 6 As row 2.
Rep rows 1 & 2, 4 times. These 14 rows form patt.
Work 28 rows more in patt.

SHAPE CROWN
Row 1 *P2togtbl, P2, p2tog, K10; rep from * to last st, P1. [127 sts]
Row 2 K1, *P10, K4; rep from * to end.
Row 3 *P2togtbl, p2tog, K10; rep from * to last st, P1. [109 sts]
Row 4 K1, *P10, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 5 *P2, C10B; rep from * to last st, P1.
Row 6 K1, *P10, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 7 *P2, sl1, K1, psso, K6, k2tog; rep from * to last st, P1. [91 sts]
Row 8 K1, *P8, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 9 *P2, sl1, K1, psso, K4, k2tog; rep from * to last st, P1. [73 sts]
Row 10 K1, *P6, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 11 *P2, C6B; rep from * to last st, P1.
Row 12 K1, *P6, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 13 *P2, sl1, K1, psso, K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, P1. [55 sts]

Row 14 K1, *P4, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 15 *P2, sl1, K1, psso, k2tog; rep from * to last st, P1. [37 sts]
Row 16 K1, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 17 *P2tog, k2tog; rep from * to last st, P1. [19 sts]
Row 18 K1, *p2tog; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem 10 sts. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Weave in ends and sew back seam, reversing sewing for 8cm for turnback. Make a 12cm diameter pompom and attach to the crown. Cover with a clean, damp tea towel and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions. 🧶

STEP-BY-STEP C6B CABLE 6 BACK

1 Purl up to where your cable is going to begin. Slip the next 3 stitches onto the cable needle.

2 Take the cable needle and stitches to the back of the knitting. Knit the next 3 stitches, pulling the first stitch tight to avoid ladders.

3 Bring the cable needle to the front of the knitting and knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle, then continue.

WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?
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