



PONDER BY TALITHA KUOMI

The men in my life who would wear a retro-cool hat like Ponder are indie-rockers. Under said hats, their minds contain new songs, strong ideals, and the contents of a book most recently devoured. Ponder has enough class to be appropriate for daytime, but has enough "hip" to hold its' own under the club lights between sets late into the night.



CRAFT

Knitting

DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

MATERIALS

Yarn – Hempforknitting Allhemp6 (100% long fiber hemp; 165 yd [150m]/3.5 oz [100gm]; CYCA 3: #028 chocolate (MC), 3 (3, 3, 4, 4) skeins; #020 avocado (A), 1 skein; #014 charcoal (B), 1 skein.

Needles – 16 (16, 24, 24, 24)” circular US size 4(3.5 mm) needle, size 4(3.5 mm) double pointed needles. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions – One stitch marker (m); tapestry needle.

GAUGE

18 sts and 28 rows = 4” in Stockinette stitch on size 4 (3.5mm) needles with yarn held double. To check gauge, with yarn held double cast on 18 st, and work in st st for 28 rows. Measure swatch, adjust needle size if necessary

AVAILABLE SIZES

small (medium, large, xlarge, xxlarge). Sample shown in size large.

MEASUREMENTS

20" (21", 22", 23", 24") and are meant to fit heads up to but not more than 19.75" (20.75", 21.75", 22.75", 23.75"). This hat is not meant to fit tightly as it does not have much give to it. If in doubt, go up one size.

NOTES

Yarn is held double throughout. For sizes S, M and L, the third skein of yarn will need to be divided in half in order to be held double.

INSTRUCTIONS

BRIM

With MC and circular needle, CO 124 (132, 140, 148, 156) sts. pm and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: * p1, k3; rep from * around.

Repeat rnd 1, slipping marker at the end of each rnd until brim measures 1.75" from CO edge.

Decrease rnd: * p1, SSK, k1; rep from * to end of rnd. 93 (99, 105, 111, 117) sts rem. End off MC.

BODY

Note: Striped portion of hat body is knit flat and seamed later.

Row 1: With color A and with the outside of hat still facing you, knit to marker. Remove marker, turn work.

Row 2: Purl to end, turn.

Row 3: Knit to end, turn. Do not cut color A.

Row 4: With color B, purl to end, turn.

Row 5: Knit to end, turn. End off color B.

Row 6: With color A, purl to end, turn.

Row 7: Knit to end, turn.

Row 8: Purl to end, turn. End off color A

With MC, pm and resume knitting in the round. Continue in stockinette stitch (knitting every round), slipping the marker as you come to it, until the hat measures 2” (2 .25”, 2 .25”, 2.5”, 2 .5”) from the top of the last stripe.

Purl one round. This is the edge where the sides of the hat end and the top of the hat begins.

DECREASING

Size small only:

Rnd 1: Knit around.

Rnd 2: *K4, k2tog; rep from * until 3 sts rem, k3. (78 sts)

Rnds 3 & 4: Knit around.

Rnd 5: *K2, k2tog; rep from * until 6 sts rem, k6. (60 sts)

Rnds 6 & 7: Knit around.

Rnd 8: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around to end. (45 sts)

Rnds 9 & 10: Knit around.

Rnd 11: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (34 sts)

Rnd 12: Knit around.

Rnd 13: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (23 sts)

Rnd 14: Knit around.

Rnd 15: K2tog 11 times, k1. (12 sts)

Size medium only:

Rnds 1 & 2: Knit around.

Rnd 3: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, k2tog. (79 sts)

Rnds 4 & 5: Knit around.

Rnd 6: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3. (60 sts)

Rnds 7 & 8: Knit around.

Rnd 9: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end.
(45 sts)

Rnds 10 & 11: Knit around.

Rnd 12: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (34 sts)

Rnd 13: Knit around.

Rnd 14: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (23 sts)

Rnd 15: Knit around.

Rnd 16: K2tog 11 times, k1. (12 sts)



Size large only:

Rnds 1-3: Knit around.

Rnd 4: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (79 sts)

Rnds 5 & 6: Knit around.

Rnd 7: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
(60 sts)

Rnds 8 & 9: Knit around.

Rnd 10: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. (45 sts)

Rnds 11 & 12: Knit around.

Rnd 13: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (34 sts)

Rnd 14: Knit around.

Rnd 15: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (23 sts)

Rnd 16: Knit around.

Rnd 17: K2tog 11 times, k1. (12 sts)

Size xlarge only:

Rnd 1: *K16, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
(105 sts)

Rnds 2-4: Knit around.

Rnd 5: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (79 sts)

Rnds 6 & 7: Knit around.

Rnd 8: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
(60 sts)

Rnds 9 & 10: Knit around.

Rnd 11: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. (45 sts)

Rnds 12 & 13: Knit around.

Rnd 14: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (34 sts)

Rnd 15: Knit around.

Rnd 16: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (23 sts)

Rnd 17: Knit around.

Rnd 18: K2tog 11 times, k1. (12 sts)

Size xxlarge only:

Rnd 1: Knit around.

Rnd 2: *K17, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (111 sts)

Rnds 3-5: Knit around.

Rnd 6: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last 15 sts, k15. (79 sts)

Rnds 7 & 8: Knit around.

Rnd 9: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3. (60 sts)

Rnds 10 & 11: Knit around.

Rnd 12: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. (45 sts)

Rnds 13 & 14: Knit around.

Rnd 15: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (34 sts)



Rnd 16: Knit around.

Rnd 17: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1. (23 sts)

Rnd 18: Knit around.

Rnd 19: K2tog 11 times, k1. (12 sts)

FINISHING

Cut a 12” tail. Thread tail through remaining sts. Draw tail to the inside of the hat and then pull snug. Tie off and weave in end. Sew seam in striped area of hat, carefully matching stripes and using same color as stripe is knit with for seaming. Weave in all ends, and wear with a sparkle in your eye.



Original design by **Talitha Kuomi**

From Talitha’s window, you look down into the yard she played in as a girl. From the bottom porch step, you look up at Orion’s Belt hovering above the garage. Somewhere between these two, created space and childhood, you can find her in the tangerine velvet chair contentedly knitting something new as her children grow up right before her very eyes.

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