**Parisian Speckle Slouch Hat**

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**Yarn:** One skein Yarns to Inspire Cherish or any worsted/aran weight yarn

**Needles:**

Size US 6 16” circular needles

Size US 8 16”circular needles and Size US 8 double pointed needles (4)

**Gauge:** 20 st in stockinette on larger needles = 4 inches

**Pattern:** Using smaller circular needles, CO 80. Place marker and join round.

Row 1: \*K2, P2. Repeat from \* to end of round. Repeat row one until piece measures 1.5 inches

Begin Body of Hat – for the store model fit:

K7, M1, (K2, M1)33X, K7 = 114 sts. Knit until piece measures 6.5 inches from Cast On.

Begin decreases.

\*K4, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  95 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K3, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  76 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  57 stitches.

Knit one row. Switch to double pointed needles when circular needles become difficult to manage.

\*K1, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  38 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  19 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2tog. Repeat from \* to the last stitch, K1.  10 stitches

\*K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  5 stitches

**For a full slouchy fit:** Knit as above to Begin Body of Hat:

[K2, M1, (K1 M1)3X] 16X = 144 sts. Knit until piece measures 6.5 inches from Cast On.

Begin decreases.

\*K7, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row. 128 stitches.

Knit one row.

\*K6, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  112 stitches.

Knit one row.

\*K5, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  96 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K4, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  80 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K3, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  64 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  48 stitches.

Knit one row. Switch to double pointed needles when circular needles become difficult to manage.

\*K1, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  32 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  16 stitches

Knit one row.

\*K2tog. Repeat from \* to end of row.  8 stitches

Finishing

Break yarn with a long tail and string through remaining stitches. Can be worn with either side facing out. Decide which you like best and then weave in loose ends.