

## *Louey*



A Flemish beret inspired by Louis Vuitton's 2007 fall ready-to-wear collection.

This was knit with less than two skeins Knit Picks Decadence (superfine alpaca) on US 7, which gave a tighter gauge and firmer fabric than the yarn band suggested. Alpaca is quite drapery, so this beret has some good flop.

Yarn: 200 yards bulky weight

Gauge: 4sts = 1" in st st

Size: 22" circumference at elastic band, 14" in diameter

### ***Get started...***

CO 8 with scrap yarn.

K a few rows, then join and knit around 2 more rounds.

*Feel free to substitute any provisional cast on of your choosing.*



### ***Now make increases for the top...***

Rnd 1: K in working yarn (leaving a 6 inch tail).

Rnd 2: Kfb around

Rnd 3: K

Rnd 4: \*Kfb, K1\* around

Rnd 5: K

Rnd 6: \*Kfb, K2\* around

Rnd 7: K

Rnd 8: \*Kfb, K3\* around

*Get it? Continue as established until...*

Rnd 42: \*Kfb, K20\* around (176 sts)

### ***Then decrease for the sides...***

Rnd 1: K

Rnd 2: \*2tog, K20\* around

Rnd 3-4: K

Rnd 5: \*K2tog, K19\* around

Rnd 6-7: K

*See? Continue as established until...*

Rnd 23: \*K2tog, K13\* around (112 sts)

*Here's where it gets wacky...*



Rnd 24: K24, \*K1, YO\* around  
Rnd 25: K25, sl YO to holder in back of work, \*K1, sl YO to holder **in back of work**\* around

*(Note: You can do the YOs directly onto your holder by looping the yarn over the holder in back then knitting the next stitch as normal. Then just knit round 25 normally.)*

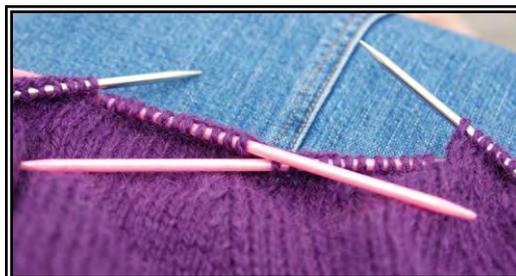


Rnd 26 - 29: K

*This is the "dart" ...*

Rnd 30: K12 on to DPN 1, K12 on to DPN2, K around

Rnd 31: Bring 25<sup>th</sup> st to meet 1<sup>st</sup> st on DPN 1 **in front of work**, K3tog (the 1<sup>st</sup> st from DPN 1, the last st from DPN 2, and the 25<sup>th</sup> st), cont. K3tog until all sts on DPNs have been knit, K around



***Now set up the hem...***

Rnd 31: P  
Rnd 32: K  
Rnd 33: K  
Rnd 34: K  
Rnd 35: K  
Rnd 36: K  
Insert ¾" elastic for a snug fit



***Finally...***

With inside facing - BO, knitting live sts together with YOs on holder.

Remove provisional cast on and pull yarn tail through the original 8 stitch to close top.

Block it.



Voilà!