IRISH HIKING HAT: Worsted Version with Doubled Ear Band

Materials: Less than one skein of Wool Ease Worsted, US7 straight and circular needles or dpns (length depends on whether you magic loop or not)

Directions: Cast on 28 stitches on the straight needles

1. p3, k2, p6, k2, p3, k12 turn
2. p12, k3, p2, k6, p2, k3, turn
3. rep row 1
4. rep row 2
5. rep row 1
6. rep row 2
7. rep row 1
8. p12, k3, p2, work front cable, p2, k3
9. Repeat above until it goes around your head (this is the same cable pattern from [the Irish Hiking Scarf](#) - just one cable wide instead of three)

Cast off and seam the two ends together. Fold the band in half so that you have the cable on one side and reverse stockinette on the other with the fold at the bottom. When you pick up the stitches along the top you are picking up both edges. Make sure you are working with the cable side facing you. I found it much easier to pick these up with a crochet hook just be careful not to twist your stitches.

Row 1: Switch to a circular needle and pick up one stitch per row of knitting all around one side of the band with your circular needle. *For a benchmark, I picked up 112 stitches*
Row 2-6: Knit around.
Row 7: Count the number of stitches and divide by 4. K2tog, *k 1/4 of your stitches, k2tog* until you are back where you began.
Rows 8 +: Continue to knit around the circle decreasing evenly at the four points. Make sure when you k2tog that the second stitch of the k2tog is the decrease from the row before. You will see the decreases start to form a spiral pattern. Continue in this pattern until there are only 8 stitches left. Cut yarn and sew the last 8 stitches together and pull through to the wrong side. The hat will point at the top but flatten out when it is on the head.

If the lining on the cabled band rolls out a bit at the bottom take some of your yarn and a yarn needle and loosely tack it at 6-8 spots around the band or make a running seam around the brim to hold it in place.

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