
Best Bet Beanie with Wool And The Gang

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Overview

(light music) - Hey guys, it's Beth here from Wool and the Gang and today I'm gonna be showing you how to make one of our winter wooly beanies, the best bet beanie. So it's one of our easy patterns, so not quite an absolute beginner project, but still a really nice and easy one to follow. So this beanie is made using the one by one rib, and we're gonna be using loads of different techniques including the knit stitch, the pearl stitch, the long tail cast on, and then I'm gonna show you how to shape your beanie using the left leaning decrease. So the best bet beanie is a nice easy project and it's very quick, so it only takes one ball of our crazy sexy wool. So it's nice, quick, and easy.

Materials

- Before we get making, we need to make sure that we have everything ready to go. To make our beanie we need just one ball of Wool and the Gang's Crazy Sexy Wool. Our Crazy Sexy Wool comes in 43 colors and today I'm gonna be using Ivory White. We will also be using a pair of UK size 12 mil needles, or US size 17 knitting needles. And today I'm gonna be using Wool and the Gang's very own Maplewood needles. Also, things that will come in handy while we're making is a tape measure, a pair of scissors, and then to finish it all off, a sewing needle, so we can darn in our ends at the end. Don't forget to print off your PDF of your pattern 'cause that's where you'll find everything that you need for your project.

Knitting the Best Bet Beanie

- Before you get making, it's a really good idea to make a tension swatch in your one by one rib. So your tension should be seven stitches over 10 rows for every 10 centimeters/four inches. So let's get making. Grab your needles and take off your label. We're gonna start using the long-tail cast on, and this makes a nice really stretchy edge for your beanie, which is perfect for a beanie. So for your long-tail cast on, you need to make sure you have a long length of yarn. And to begin with, we need to make a slip knot. So your slip knot. Take one needle and slip it on. So now, this slip knot will count as your first stitch. You can tighten it here so it sits snugly against your needle. Now we need to make another 31 stitches so that we have 32 stitches all in all. So to make your long-tail cast on, insert your fingers in here. Then you need to lower them down, insert your needle under this left bar and then across over onto your right bar, and then pull through. Tighten it and now you've made another stitch. So you continue this way. Insert your fingers, wrap, wrap, and pull through and tighten. Wrap, wrap, pull through, and tighten. And continue working in this way until you have 32 stitches on your needle. And there you go, there's 32 stitches on your needle now. So you're ready to start knitting in your one by one rib. So your one by one rib is made by alternating between two stitches, a knit stitch and then a purl stitch. So take your second needle and insert to your first stitch. Your yarn tail needs to be behind your work and then you'll make one knit stitch, like so. Now you need to bring your yarn to the front of your work to make your purl stitch. So pass your yarn between your needles like so and insert your needle purl wise into your next stitch, wrapping your yarn around and make one purl stitch. Now continue alternating between these two stitches until you reach the end of your row. One knit stitch. And one purl stitch. And there you go, you finish your first row of one by one rib. Now you need to keep working in this way until your piece

measures 12 inches from your cast on edge. Every row will start with a knit stitch followed by a purl stitch, then a knit stitch, then a purl stitch. So if you ever lose your way, you can tell which stitch you need to do next by looking at them. So if your next stitch is this V from your previous row, you know you need to do a knit stitch. If it's this little bump here, you know you need to do a purl stitch next.

Finishing

- Now you've finished knitting in your one-by-one rib, your piece should measure 12 inches from the cast-on edge up to the top of your needle. Or 30 centimeters, like so. Now we're ready to begin shaping the top of our beanie over the next five rows using left-leaning decreases. Grab your knitting and for the first row we need to knit the first stitch. Like so. Now we're gonna do a sequence of eight steps and then that will be repeated twice more. So purl your first stitch. Then knit your next stitch. And purl one more stitch. Now we need to make a left-leaning decrease here. So to do so, take your yarn to the back of your work and now we need to slip these next two stitches onto your right needle. So insert your needle and slip. Insert your needle and slip. Now insert your left needle into these two stitches that you just slipped. Like so. Take your yarn, wrap around and knit the two stitches together. Ta-da, and here you've just made your left-leaning decrease. Now you need to knit your next stitch. Purl your next stitch. And now we need to make another left-leaning decrease. So take your yarn to the back, slip, slip, insert, wrap and knit. And now knit the next stitch. So those last eight things need to be repeated twice more. So purl one stitch. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. And make a left-leaning decrease. So slip, slip, insert, wrap and knit. Now knit. Purl. Make a left-leaning decrease. So slip, slip, insert, wrap and knit. And knit. Now we're just gonna repeat that sequence once more, so purl. Knit. Purl. Left-leaning decrease, so slip, slip, wrap and knit. Knit. Purl. Left-leaning decrease, so slip, slip, insert, wrap and knit and knit. You should now have one stitch left on your left needle and now you need to purl this last stitch. So that's your first row from your decreases. Turn your work. And now you'll start your second row. Insert your needle and knit your first stitch. Now we'll do a sequence of six steps. Purl two stitches. Knit one stitch. Purl two stitches. And knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. And knit one stitch. Now you need to repeat that sequence twice more. So, purl two stitches. Knit one stitch. Purl two stitches. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. And knit one stitch. Now you're gonna repeat that sequence once more. So purl two stitches. Knit one stitch. Purl two stitches. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. And knit one stitch. You should have one stitch left on your left needle, purl this last stitch. Turn your work and now you're ready to make your third row. So knit your first stitch. Now you're gonna do a sequence of six stitches and that will be repeated twice more after. So purl your first stitch. Knit your next stitch. Purl your next stitch. Now make a left-leaning decrease, so take your yarn to the back, slip, slip, insert your needle, wrap and knit. Now purl the next stitch. And make another left-leaning decrease. So slip, slip, insert, wrap and slip. Now repeat that sequence twice more. So purl one stitch. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. And make a left-leaning decrease. Slip, slip, insert, wrap and knit. Purl one stitch. And make another left-leaning decrease. We're just gonna repeat that once more. Purl one stitch. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. Make a left-leaning decrease. Purl one stitch. And make a left-leaning decrease. And once again you should have one stitch left on your left needle, purl this last stitch. Okay, turn your work and now you're gonna work one row of just doing one-by-one rib again. So starting with a knit stitch. Knit, then bring it onto the front and purl. And repeat this to the end of your row. And there you go, turn your work and now it's time for the last row. This'll be a decrease row. Knit your first stitch. Now you're gonna begin a sequence which

starts with a purl stitch. A knit stitch. And then a purl stitch. Now we're gonna slip one stitch. First take your yarn to the back, slip one stitch, then we're gonna knit these next two stitches together. Like so. And then we're gonna pass this stitch that you slipped over this last stitch that you just knitted two together. So lift it up and slide it over like this. Now repeat that sequence twice more. So purl one stitch. Knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. Take your yarn to the back, slip one stitch, now knit these two stitches together by inserting your needle like so, wrapping your yarn like that. Now take this stitch here and take it over like so. Now repeat that sequence once more. So purl one stitch. And knit one stitch. Purl one stitch. Take your yarn to the back, slip, knit these two together. Take this and pass it over like so and now you have one stitch left on this needle, bring your yarn to the front and purl this last stitch. And there you go, ta-da, you're finished knitting your beanie. You should have 14 stitches left on this needle and now we're ready to sew up your beanie. Okay, now that your knitting is done, you're ready to cut your yarn. So measure out 20 inches or 50 centimeters and take that point... Now take your sewing needle and thread your yarn tail onto your needle like so. Now you're gonna thread this needle through each of your stitches on your needle like so, starting on the one on the furthest end of your needle. So take your needle and insert like so, through each of them. You might want to pull through every now and then and pull the tail of your yarn through. And insert. Like so. And now pull your needle through like so so that all your stitches are on this thread of yarn. You can now pull out your needle and your stitches are all safe. And now, just like a drawstring, pull this through and tighten up so that all your stitches come together like so. Ta-da. Now we're gonna sew up the side of your beanie. We're gonna be using the vertical invisible seam technique to sew up the sides down here but we're gonna stop when we get to 10 centimeters from the edge so that we can do our fold up. So take your needle and using the edge stitch here, we're gonna insert it and go in under one of the bars like so and pull through. Now we're gonna cross over to the other side to the edge stitch and insert under the horizontal bar there. And that's all you need to do going down, cross from one side to the other, make sure you go back into the hole you just came out of and then go under the next horizontal bar. Like so. You might want to keep tightening it as you go and just remember to go back into the hole you came out of and then under the next horizontal bar. So now you've got to the point where you're 10 centimeters away from your cast-on edge, or four inches. This is now where you need to turn your beanie inside out. Like so. Now you're gonna continue using your vertical invisible seam technique but your seam now will be on the inside. So... Go back into the hole you just came out of, here. Insert your needle... And pull. Insert your needle and pull. Now continue working like this until you get to your cast-on edge. There you go, and now you've finished seaming up your beanie. Looks a bit funny like this but you need to now turn it inside out... And fold up your edge, just so it lines up here where your seaming changes from the inside to the outside. Now we're just gonna do some finishing off which means we need to darn in our ends. So take your end of your yarn with your needle on and if you're near a seam, you can just darn it into your seam. Like so. And because this was a one-ball project, you only have two ends to darn in, perfect. Like so, now you've got one last end to darn in. Pop it on your needle. And this is going through your seam so no one will ever see it, but just make it as tight as you can just so that it's not bulky. Like so. Now you just wanna trim these little ends you've got 'cause they're all secure now, so won't come undone when you're wearing your beanie. And ta-da, there you go, you've finished making your best-bet beanie. So, ready for those winter days. Ta-da!