

Ski-Met

(Ski hat and helmet in one)

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This is a convertible cap. It can be worn with the mask over or under the nose. On not-so-frigid days the mask can be stuffed into the hat and worn with the brim folded a little further down.

I've dubbed it the SKI-MET (Ski hat and helmet in one). *On my original design, I noticed the picked up seam between the ski cap and helmet would tend to show when worn. The brim would have to be manually folded each time it was worn to hide the seam. So I sewed the cap to the helmet about 1/4 inch below where the stitches were picked up. This resulted in a neater brim fold.* For this reason, I've changed the pattern by adding a second lifeline and directions to knit some of the hat stitches with the mask stitches to automatically hide the seam and eliminate some sewing. Now the SKI-MET is fun to wear and fuss free.

Size: Small (Medium, Large) 19-20 inch,(21"-22", 23"-24")

Directions are for smallest size with larger sizes in parenthesis.

Materials:

- Heavy worsted weight green tweed (400 yards) for hat portion.
(sample knit in unknown yarn, possibly Reynolds Candide, 4oz skein)
- Wool Ease-sport weight, color "Forest Heather" (197yd/180m, (1 ball) 3oz./85g) for mask portion. (You can substitute worsted weight for more warmth.)

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Needles:

- US #8 and US #7 circular needle (40 cm/16 inches)
- US#2 or thin circular for picking up stitches from inside of hat.
- 1 set of US #8 double pointed needles

Notions:

- (2) lifelines (Thin yarn or thread of contrasting color to hat and mask, to use as a lifeline (approx. 35 inches long)).
- Tapestry needle.
- Stitch marker

Directions for Ski hat portion

Cast on 92 (96,104) stitches onto US#8 circular needle. Join, being careful not to twist stitches, and place marker at beginning of round.

Rib in *knit 2, purl 2* for 10cm/4 inches

Thread lifeline #1 through the live stitches with the help of the tapestry needle.

Change to US #7 needles.

Rib in *knit 2, purl 2* stitch pattern for three rows.

Thread lifeline #2 through the live stitches with the help of the tapestry needle.

Rib in *knit 2, purl 2* until hat measures 22cm/8.8 inches for men, (18.75 cm/7.5 inch for woman) from cast on round.

Using double pointed needles, *knit 2, purl 2-together** Repeat to end of round
(69,72,78 stitches remain)

Next round: *knit 2, purl 1* Repeat to end of round

Next round: *knit 2-together, purl 1* Repeat to end of round (46,48,52 stitches remain)

Next round: *knit 1, purl 1* Repeat to end of round
 Next round: * knit 2-together* Repeat to end of round (23 ,24,26 stitches remain)
 Next round: Knit round
 Next round: * knit 2-together* Repeat from * to * until 1 stitch before end of round. (12,13,14 stitches remain)
 Knit 2-together (four times, five times, 6 times) – (8,8,8 stitches remain)
 Cut a tail of about 15cm/6 inches of yarn. Thread it through 8 remaining stitches and draw tight. Stitch inside hat to secure. Sew in loose ends. Turn hat inside out.



Directions for mask portion

With US #2 needle/thin circular. Pick up stitches along side of hat using **lifeline #2** as your guide. (92 (96,104) stitches)
 With US#7, “Purl2, Knit2” stitch pattern for three rows.
 With US#2 circular. Pick up every fourth stitches along side of hat using **lifeline #1** as your guide.

Now with US#7 needle, “Purl2, knit1, place a hat stitch” (from US#2 needle) onto US#7 needle. Knit 2 together. Repeat to end of round.
 Rib in “Purl2, Knit2” until mask measures 1 inch from beginning of mask stitches.

(This is a good spot to have the SKI-MET recipient try on the hat to see if the face opening is at a good length for him/her. Otherwise knit more rounds as needed. Turn hat right side out to try on.)

Next round: rib 1/3 stitches, bind off 1/3 stitches for face opening, rib 1/3 stitches.
 New round: Rib 1/3 stitches, cast on the same number of stitches as bound off stitches, rib remaining stitches on round.

Continue ribbing rounds until mask is 12.5cm/5 inches from beginning of mask stitches.
 Change to US#8 needles.
 Continue ribbing rounds until mask is long enough to cover neck.

(This is another good spot for SKI-MET recipient to try on to see if neck length is long enough. He/she should bend head forward to ensure coverage along back of shirt or coat collar. Turn hat right side out to try on.)

General length of the mask is 8.5 inches from beginning of mask stitches.
 Bind off in ribbing pattern. Turn hat right side out. Wear with brim folded up.

Happy Knitting
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