Chart row numbers (top to bottom): 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8

Key

Symbol	Meaning
□	knit
⊡	purl
⧄ (C6F)	C6F
2/1 LPC	2/1 LPC
2/1 RPC	2/1 RPC
⧄ (p2tog)	p2tog
⊠	sl2, p1, p2sso
▣	no stitch
▢ (red)	pattern repeat

The Morehouse Hat

I was introduced to Morehouse Farm and their amazing merino yarn in 2018 and have been a huge fan ever since. I knew I wanted to use their merino yarn for a cozy and warm cold weather accessory and thus, the Morehouse Hat was born. Using just three quarters of a skein of their bulky merino yarn, you can knit this cabled hat — with yarn to spare for an optional pom pom! I think this is the perfect project for both gifting and selling at local handmade markets. Happy knitting!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

NEEDLES: Ribbing: US $10^{1/2}$ / 6.5 mm 16" circular knitting needles (or size to obtain gauge)
Main Fabric: US 13 / 9.0 mm 16" circular knitting needles (or size to obtain gauge)

YARN: Bulky Weight - 90 yds / 3.25 oz (82 m / 88 g)
Suggested Yarn: Morehouse Farm Bulky 100% merino 115 yds / 4 oz (105 m /113 g)

NOTIONS: Cable needle, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors, DPNs (or magic loop) for crown shaping

GAUGE

4 in x 4 in / 10 cm x 10 cm; 15 sts x 15 rows on larger needles in cable stitch pattern

FINISHED SIZE

16 in / 40.5 cm circumference x 9 in / 23 cm height
The stitch pattern in this hat is very stretchy, and can accommodate a head circumference up to 22"

ABBREVIATIONS

CO	Cast on		**C6F**	Cable 6 Front. Slip 3 sts to cable needle, hold to front, k3, k3 from cable needle
Dec	Decreased			
K	Knit			
P	Purl			
PM	Place marker		**2/1 LPC**	2 over 1 Left Purl Cross. Slip 2 sts to cable needle, hold to front, p1, k2 from cable needle
P2SSO	Pass 2 slipped sts over			
P2tog	Purl 2 together			
Rep	Repeat			
Sl	Slip stitch(es)		**2/1 RPC**	2 over 1 Right Purl Cross. Slip 1 st to cable needle, hold to back, k2, p1 from cable needle
SM	Slip marker			
st(s)	Stitch(es)			

PATTERN NOTES

This hat is knit in the round from the bottom up.

You may find DPNs (double pointed needles) useful for the crown shaping once the reduced number of sts on the circular needle are no longer comfortable to work in the round. Alternately, you may opt to use a longer cord and use the magic loop method.

Lightly steam block your hat to smooth out the stitches and make them more uniform.

PATTERN

Using the smaller needles, CO 60 sts using the long tail cast on method. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM.

☐ ***Rounds 1 - 7:*** (K2, P2) to end of round. SM

[switch to larger needles]

Chart for the following section is also available on page 4. Note that pattern will be repeated 5 times across each round.

☐ ***Round 8:*** (2/1 LPC, p1, k2, p1, 2/1 RPC, p2) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 9:*** (p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, p3) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 10:*** (p1, 2/1 LPC, k2, 2/1 RPC, p3) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 11:*** (p2, k6, p4) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 12:*** (p2, C6F, p4) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 13:*** Rep round 11
☐ ***Round 14:*** (p1, 2/1 RPC, k2, 2/1 LPC, p3) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Round 15:*** Rep round 9
☐ ***Round 16:*** (2/1 RPC, p1, k2, p1, 2/1 LPC, p2) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Rounds 17 - 23:*** (k2, p2) to end of round. SM
☐ ***Rounds 24 - 33:*** Rep rounds 8 - 17
☐ ***Round 34:*** (k2, p2tog) to end of round. SM [15 sts dec] **45 sts**
☐ ***Round 35:*** (sl2, p1, p2sso) to end of round [30 sts dec] **15 sts**

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail. Using tapestry needle, thread the tail and pull through the remaining stitches. Pull taut, bring the tail to the inside of the hat and weave in all ends. If desired, use remaining yardage to create a pom pom and attach to the top of the hat. Lightly steam block.

DON'T BE A STRANGER

I would love to see your in progress and finished Morehouse Hat on Instagram. Tag @vanessaknits #vanessaknits and #morehousehat so I can see your unique work — I may even feature your photos! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at vanessaknits@gmail.com. Happy knitting and THANK YOU so much for your support! xo,
Vanessa