



# THE MAN-SLOUCH | By Shireen Nadir



This simple slouch/touque is a quick, mindless, easy knit for both guys and gals.

Because, let's face it; guys are picky. It can't be too detailed, in a girly colour or contain un-manly motifs. Here then, is a base pattern for a very simple hat that can be worn slouchy or not, and dressed up easily for the more adventurous. The simple pattern lends itself well to self striping or variegated yarns.

**Gauge:** 24 stitches = 4 inches, Size: Forgiving

**Materials:**

- 1 skein of Malabrigo Arroyo (I'm using the colour way: Plomo) or 300 yards of any sport weight yarn
- 3.5 mm circular needles and 3.5 mm dpns
- 1 Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle for weaving in your ends

**Construction:**

(You read right, it's a man-hat after all!)

C/O 136 stitches and join for knitting in the round

Rows 1 - 22 - Work in k2, p2 ribbing

Row 23 (increase round)

\*K7, kfb\* repeat from \* to end (153 stitches)

Knit all stitches for 6 rows

Purl all stitches for 2 rows

**Main hat body:**

\*Knit all stitches for 12 rows

Purl all stitches for 2 rows\*

Repeat from \* 2 more times

Knit all stitches for 8 more rows.

Work 1 row of decreases as follows:

Row 9: \*K7, k2tog\* repeat from \* to end (136 stitches)

Knit all stitches for 3 rows

Purl all stitches for 2 rows

**Begin crown shaping**

Row 1: \*k15, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 2: \*k14, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 3: \*k13, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 4: \*k12, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 5: \*k11, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 6: \*k10, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 7: \*k9, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 8: \*k3, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 9: \*k 2, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 10: \*k1, k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Row 11&12: \*k2tog\* Repeat from \* to end

Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Use the tapestry needle to weave this tail through the remaining stitches and pull to close.

Block hat to relax the crown shaping and enjoy!

**Abbreviations:**

K - Knit

P - Purl

Kfb - Knit into the front and back of the same stitch to increase

K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together to decrease