



skill level: medium

Rosie Knits

Japanese

Chulla

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Okay, so chullas are actually from Peru. This one is shown in Noro yarn, which is Japanese, although the hat looks great and is just as stylish in any other bulky-weight yarn.

SIZE:

Women's large

Finished circumference: 22"

MATERIALS:

1 16" size US #10.5 (6.5mm) circular needle (or size to obtain gauge). Take time to check gauge.

dpns in same size

ring marker

YARN:

1 Skein Noro Iro, 75% wool/20% silk, 132 yds./100g skein.

GAUGE:

3 sts = 1 in. over stockinette stitch

ABBREVIATION:

W&T (wrap and turn): Slip next st purlwise from left needle to right; move yarn to front of work; slip stitch back to left needle; turn the work around.

PATTERN NOTES:

Hat is knit from the bottom up: You begin by working one-half of an earflap, then the other half; next, using a knitted-on or cabled cast-on, you cast on stitches to form the brim of the hat across to where the other earflap goes; work the second earflap same as the first; then join and work in the round, decreasing up to the top.

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PATTERN:

Cast on 14 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: K12, W&T.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K10, W&T.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: K8, W&T.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K6, W&T.

Row 9: Knit.

For the second half of the ear flap, hide the wraps as you come to them as follows: when the next stitch is a wrapped stitch, insert the point of the right-hand needle under the wrap, then into the stitch in the usual way. Bring the yarn around the tip of the needle, then come back out from under both the stitch and the wrap.

Row 10: K13, W&T.

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: K6, W&T.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: K8, W&T.

Row 15: Purl.

Row 16: K10, W&T.

Row 17: Knit.

Row 18: K12, W&T.

Row 19: Purl.

Row 20: K14.

Row 21: Bind off knitwise, leaving the last st on the needle.

Using a knitted-on or cable cast-on, cast on 20 sts, place marker, cast on 14 more sts. Work rows 1-21 of Ear Flap instructions on these last 14 sts to form the second earflap.

Starting from the stitch remaining after the bind-off, cast on 20 more sts. Working across top of first earflap, pick up and knit 12 sts; k across 21 cast-on sts; remove marker, if you haven't already; pick up and knit 12 sts along top of second earflap; k across 21 cast-on sts; place marker to show beg of rnd. [66 sts].

Crown

Round 1: Purl.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: Purl.

Now work in stockinette (i.e. knit every round) until piece measures 4" from cast-on edge above earflaps, decr 2 sts randomly spaced on last round (64 sts).

Shape Top

Change to dpns when necessary.

Round 1: (K6, k2tog) around. (56 sts)

Rounds 2-5: Knit.

Round 6: (K5, k2tog) around. (48 sts)

Rounds 7-10: Knit.

Round 11: (K4, k2tog) around. (40 sts)

Round 12-15: Knit.

Round 16: (K3, k2tog) around. (32 sts)

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Rounds 18-20: Knit.

Round 21: (K2, k2tog) around. (24 sts)

Rounds 22-23: Knit.

Round 24: (K1, k2tog) around. (16 sts)

Round 25: Knit.

Round 26: K2tog around.

Cut yarn, pull through remaining 8 sts, and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Braids [optional]

Cut 6 1-yard lengths of yarn. Pull 3 strands through bottom point of one earflap, fold in half, and braid; secure end with overhand knot. Repeat with remaining 3 strands of yarn and second earflap. Trim ends even. If you'd prefer a simpler look, knit two I-cords, each approx. 12" long, and sew one to point of each earflap.

