



Until-We-Meet-Again Camp Cap Meg Swansen, July 2021



4-stitch garter border on lower edge



no border on cable-strip

I found this thick, puffy cable in Lady Gainford's book, *Designs for Knitting Kilt Hose & Knickerbocker Stockings*; a decorative Kilt Hose Top-Turnover which I have applied to this cap. I clarified the original instructions a bit, with additional tweaks from my Test Knitters: Holly, Olga, Nancy, and Lucy - with my thanks to them.

Meg's Blue version w/garter-stitch edging:

This design can be worked in Any wool, at Any gauge; it is all calculated by measurement.

For the border on the blue Regal version, I added 4 sts to the left (L) edge, to be kept in garter stitch throughout; the right (R) selvedge will be knitted up for the hat. You may purl back every other row, or knit-back-backward (kbb), which means *purl*-back-backward over the 4 garter stitches. I slipped each first stitch.

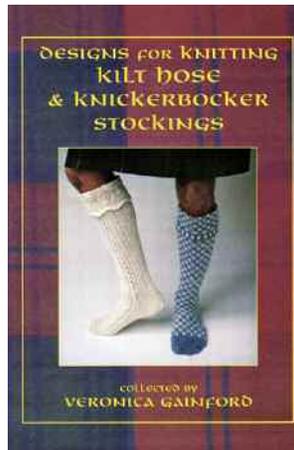
With *Canadian Regal* wool (@ approx 5 sts per inch), Provisionally Cast on 22 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl (but knit the first 4 sts on each of these Purl rows).

Row 3 (for R over L cable): K7, turn, [slip 1, p4, turn, slip 1, k4, turn], repeat these two mini-rows 4 times (8 rows) to make a tab. After the final tab-row do not turn, but slip the next 5 sts to a cable needle and hold in back. Finish the row.

Row 4: Purl. (After the 5 tab sts, purl the sts from the cable needle, and finish the row.)



Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8 (for L over R cable): After the 4 knit sts, p7, turn, [slip 1, k4, turn, slip 1, p4, turn], repeat these two mini-rows 4 times (8 rows) to make a tab. After the final tab-row do not turn, but slip the next 5 sts to a cable needle and hold in *front* if purling - or in *back* if using kbb. Finish the row.

Row 9: Knit. (After the 5 tab sts, knit the sts from the cable needle, and finish the row.)

Row 10: Purl.

Repeat rows 1-10 until you achieve wanted head-circumference; approximately 18-20" for an adult.

Since you began with a R-over-L cable, try to end with a L-over-R cable for continuity. Weave end to Provisional cast-on in one of the plain rows between cables.

Remember to garter-stitch-weave the first 4 sts, then stocking-stitch-weave the rest.

Cap: I like the hat to be a bit voluminous above the lower band, so I knitted up 1 stitch for each selvedge stitch - which, because I slipped each first stitch, is very few sts. On the next round I increased to 120 sts and switched to a larger size needle. It is nearly as puffy as the cables, but makes a good quasi-tam.

I made the second one in thicker 2-ply *Unspun Icelandic* @ 3.66 sts per inch (and shifted shades from Silver, to Donahue, to Cream).



garter-weave first 4 sts; stocking-weave the rest.



Knit up into the selvedge

I knitted up 48 sts from the finished band, and increased by (k2, m1) around to 72 sts = just over 19.5" around. **On this version I eliminated the garter-stitch border.** Olga pointed out that you can add 4 or 5 garter-stitches on both sides of the cable-strip for a handsome headband.



An option for top-shaping: I followed Elizabeth Zimmermann's basic-cap instructions: work to about 6+ inches from lower edge. The Regal cap is decreased at 7 points; I dec every other round until half the number of sts remain, then dec every round down to 7 (or 5) sts. I zig-zagged the directions by beginning with (k2tog) e.o.r., until half the sts remained, then (ssk) every rnd. And, apparently I am unable to resist adding a few rounds of I-Cord at the very top; I use it to pull off the cap.

Knit on dear Campers.
Love,
Meg



Holly's test-knit

I used a size 6 needle and did 16 repeats. Cap: I picked up 82 stitches and increased 22 stitches in the yo mode to 104 stitches. I love how it feels around my head.

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Lucy's test-knit

I knit the cable band on size 5 needles, 14 repeats, 20 inches. Picked up and increased to 154 stitches, changed to size 7 needles, knit 2 inches before starting my seven point decreases. Decreased every other row until half the stitches were gone, then every row. *(Lucy omitted the garter stitch border.)*



Olga's alternate cable with fewer plain rows between cables.

Olga's test-knit.

I used a US 6 needle, and knit 14 pairs of cables, (they remind me of moguls!) to yield a 20 inches circumference. I joined the 2 live ends, and picked up 70 sts around; switched to a US 8 needle and increased to 84 sts using the yo method on one round followed by knitting the yo tbl on the next.



Nancy's test-knit.

I decided to put a 3-stitch icord edge at the bottom. The tightness of the icord enhanced the poofiness of the cables.

I got 5 sts/in and have 14 repeats of the cable. There were 70 edge loops, and I picked up 120 stitches in them to put a little ease into the hat. I knitted around for 4", then began decreases every other row, moved to every row when I had 63 stitches. Did an icord loop at the top with 4 sts.

Nancy in her hat - holding her adorable (enormous) puppy Samson.

