PIXIE

Thoughtful details. Uncomplicated. Timeless. If these aren't things we want in a knitting pattern, I don't know what is! This winter has been so frigid and I know that the transition to spring will be a long one still. I wanted a simple hat with a pretty crown shaping to have in my bag to throw on when the chill hit. Meet Pixie — a ribbed beanie with a 4 point crown. She's fun & functional! And the best part? This is a one skein project — either size can be completed with just one skein of Morehouse Farm bulky. Written for 2 adult sizes.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

NEEDLES: US 9 (5.5 mm) 16" circular knitting needles *(or size to obtain gauge)*
YARN: 1 skein Morehouse Farm Bulky 100% merino 115 yds / 4 oz (bulky weight)
Samples shown in oatmeal & brown heather
NOTIONS: 4 stitch markers (1 distinct to note beginning of round), tapestry needle, scissors, DPNs (or long cord for magic loop), wool wash; O*ptional:* felting needle
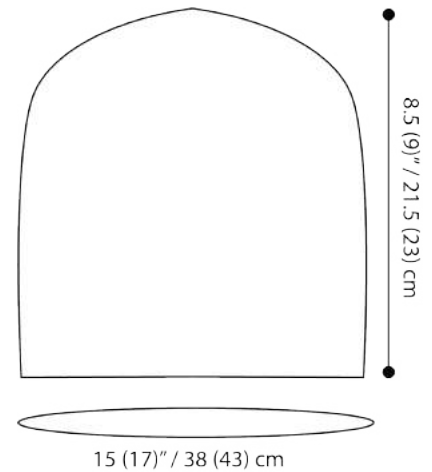
GAUGE
4 in x 4 in / 10 cm x 10 cm; 17 sts x 18 rows in 1x1 ribbing stitch pattern

FINISHED SIZE

Size 1 (fits up to 21"): 15 in / 38 cm circumference x 8.5 in / 21.5 cm height
Size 2 (fits up to 23"): 17 in / 43 cm circumference x 9 in / 23 cm height

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR	Beginning of round	**K**	Knit	**Rnd**	Round
CDD	Central double decrease	**P**	Purl	**SM**	Slip marker
CO	Cast on	**PM**	Place marker	**St(s)**	Stitch(es)
Dec	Decreased	**Rep**	Repeat		

PATTERN NOTES

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

▷ **Modified CDD - Central / Centered Double Decrease.** Slip 2 stitches together knitwise, place back on the left hand needle (they will now be twisted) and pick up an additional stitch from the left hand needle (3 sts on right hand needle). Knit all three together through the back loop. [2 stitches decreased]. I created a quick video (under 1 minute!) to show you how it is done: Modified CDD Tutorial

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

▷ The fit of this hat is meant to be fitted. If you'd like additional length for a fold over brim, simply repeat additional rounds before the crown shaping. Extra yardage will be required.

PATTERN (Size 1)

CO 64 sts using the long tail cast on method. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM.

☐ Rounds 1 - 28: (K1, p1) to end of rnd. SM.

Crown Shaping (written instructions below OR see page 4 for chart)

☐ Rnd 29: [(k1, p1)*3, k1, CDD, (k1,p1)*3, PM]. Rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [56 sts]
☐ Rnd 30: [(k1,p1)*3, k2, (k1,p1)*3], rep to BOR marker

☐ Rnd 31: [(k1,p1)*3, CDD, (p1,k1)*2, p1, SM] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [48 sts]
☐ Rnd 32: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
☐ Rnd 33: [(k1,p1)*2, k1, CDD, (k1,p1)*2] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [40 sts]
☐ Rnd 34: [(k1,p1)*2, k2, (k1,p1)*2, SM] rep to BOR marker
☐ Rnd 35: [(k1,p1)*2, CDD, p1,k1,p1] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [32 sts]
☐ Rnd 36: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
☐ Rnd 37: [k1, p1, k1, CDD, k1, p1] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [24 sts]
☐ Rnd 38: (k1, p1, k3, p1, SM)*4
☐ Rnd 39: (k1, p1, CDD, p1)*4 (-8sts) [16 sts]
☐ Rnd 40: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
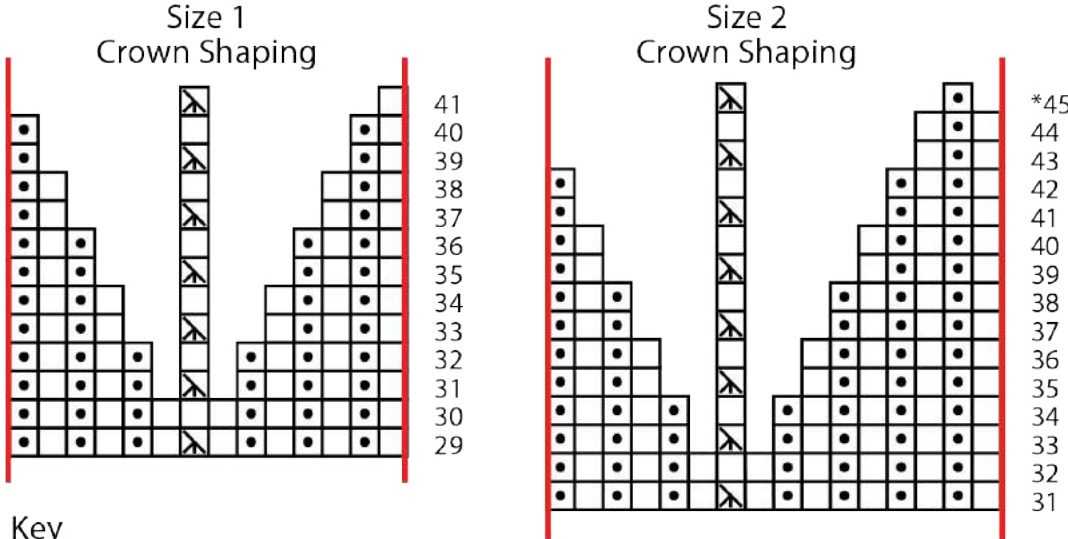☐ Rnd 41: (k1, CDD)*4 removing SMs as you reach them (-8 sts) [8 sts]

PATTERN (Size 2)

CO 72 sts using the long tail cast on method. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM.

☐ Rounds 1 - 30: (K1, p1) to end of rnd. SM.

Crown Shaping (written instructions below OR see page 4 for chart)

☐ Rnd 31: [(k1, p1)*4, k1, CDD, (k1,p1)*3, PM]. Rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [64 sts]
☐ Rnd 32: [(k1,p1)*4, k2, (k1,p1)*3], rep to BOR marker
☐ Rnd 33: [(k1,p1)*4, CDD, (p1,k1)*2, p1, SM] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [56 sts]
☐ Rnd 34: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
☐ Rnd 35: [(k1,p1)*3, k1, CDD, (k1,p1)*2] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [48 sts]
☐ Rnd 36: [(k1,p1)*3, k2, (k1,p1)*2, SM] rep to BOR marker
☐ Rnd 37: [(k1,p1)*3, CDD, p1,k1,p1] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [40 sts]
☐ Rnd 38: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
☐ Rnd 39: [(k1,p1)*2, k1, CDD, k1,p1] rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [32 sts]
☐ Rnd 40: (k1, p1)*2, k3, p1, SM)*4
☐ Rnd 41: (k1, p1)*2, CDD, p1)*4 (-8sts) [24 sts]
☐ Rnd 42: (k1,p1) to end of rnd
☐ Rnd 43: (k1, p1, k1, CDD, SM)*4 rep to BOR marker (-8 sts) [16 sts]
☐ Rnd 44: (k1, p1, k2,)*4 removing all but BOR SMs as you reach them
☐ *Rnd 45: Remove BOR marker, k1, PM, (p1, CDD)*4 (-8 sts) [8 sts]

Size 1
Crown Shaping

Size 2
Crown Shaping

*See written instructions

Key

☐ knit

☑ purl

◪ modified CDD

❚ ❚ pattern repeat

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 a felting tool to further secure all ends. Wet block and allow to dry fully.

DON'T BE A STRANGER

I would love to see your in progress and finished Pixie on Instagram. Tag @vanessaknits #vanessaknits and #pixiehat 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