

## Bobcap by Mary Keenan

*My oldest brother Bob was king of the quizzical eyebrow. This simple hat, conceived as a smooth-fitting sleep cap for chemo patients but useful for keeping any head warm, features the same confident arch over one eye thanks to a little horizontal pleating. Repeats of 3s and 7s are scattered throughout to add good luck.*

### Materials

Twisted Fiber Art, Playful, (100% superwash merino, 360yds/120g), 120 (140,160) yards.  
4.0 mm/US 6 – 1 set double pointed needles.  
Stitch marker.  
Darning needle.

### Sizing

S (17”), M (18.5”), L (20”)  
Sample shown in S in ‘Torte’, stretched comfortably over a 22” head.

Note: ‘Playful’ is a heavy fingering yarn. If you wish to make the hat with true fingering or sock weight, try going down one needle size and making your hat one size larger than you would otherwise choose.

### Gauge

23 sts, 29 rows = 4” in stocking stitch

### Abbreviations

**K:** knit.

**K2tog:** k two sts together (decrease).

**P:** purl.

**st(s):** stitch(es).



### Directions

Cast on 90 (99, 108) sts, place marker, and join to work in the round.

### **Band**

Rounds 1-7: \*K2, P1; repeat from \* to end of round.

### **Body**

Rounds 1-3: Knit.

Round 4: [Using right needle, pick up purl nub from back of work three rows below current row; place it on left needle, K2tog] 7 times, K to end of round.

Round 5: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1-5 twice more.

Round 16: Knit.

Repeat Round 16 until hat measures 5” from caston (measured at least 10 sts away from first 7 sts.)

### **Crown**

Round 1: \*K 8 (9, 10), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 81 (90, 99) sts.

Round 2 and all even rows: Knit.

Round 3: \*K 7 (8, 9), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 72 (81, 90) sts.

Round 5: \*K 6 (7, 8), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 63 (72, 81) sts.

Round 7: \*K 5 (6, 7), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 54 (63, 72) sts.

Round 9: \*K 4 (5, 6), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 45 (54, 63) sts.

Round 11: \*K 3 (4, 5), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 36 (45, 54) sts.

Round 13: \*K 2 (3, 4), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 27 (36, 45) sts.

Round 15: \*K 1 (2, 3), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 18 (27, 36) sts.

Round 17: \*K 0 (1, 2), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd - 9 (18, 27) sts - S ends here.

Round 19: \*K – (0, 1), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd – (9, 18) sts - M ends here.

Round 21: \*K – (–, 0), K2tog, repeat from \* to end of rnd- – (–, 9) sts - L ends here.

Cut an 8-10” tail, thread it through a darning needle, and run it through the 9 remaining sts. Pull tight and tack inside.

### **Finishing**

Run in ends and wet block.

