TWISTED RIB ‘SLOUCHY’ CAP

This contemporary pattern works well for young men or women, just by adjusting the size. The twisted rib stitch creates a well-defined rib pattern.

This slouchy cap needs to be about 10” tall, and be able to drape slightly at the back of the head. Choose yarns that allow the cap to ‘relax’ and not be too stiff.

Be creative – try using your favorite stitch patterns, and just extend the length. Incorporate stripes and interesting colors!

Materials
Circular 16” needles, sizes 6 & 7  OR  7 & 8, depending on gauge of yarn selected.
Double point needles, sizes 6 & 7  OR  7 & 8
Tapestry Needle
Marker

FOR YOUNG MEN: CO 80 stitches with smaller size circular needles. (Lg)
FOR YOUNG WOMEN: CO 72 stitches with smaller size circular needles. (Med)
  (Norwegian or Long-Tail CO work best to give stretch.)

1 x 1 Rib Pattern
Work in twisted rib (*Knit 1 through back of stitch, Purl 1*) until rib measures 1 ¼”.

Cap Pattern
Switch to larger size circular needles.
Knit every round until cap measures 8 ½” from the cast-on edge.

Decrease
This gradual decrease will add an additional 1 1/2” to the height of the cap. Switch to DPN’s when stitches no longer fit on circular needles.

Row 1: K6, K2tog, repeat to end of row.
Row 2 and all even rows: Knit around
Row 3: K5, K2tog, repeat to end of row.
Row 5: K4, K2tog, “ “
Row 7: K3, K2tog, “ “
Row 9: K2, K2tog, “ “
Row 11: K1, K2tog, “ “
Row 13: K2tog, “ “

Cut yarn to a 10” tail. Thread tail into tapestry needle; run needle through remaining stitches twice. Pull tight and using the needle, pull the tail to the inside of the cap. Weave in loose ends neatly, following the weave pattern on the inside of the cap. Trim end to 1/4”. If you’ve added stripes, be sure that all ends are neatly and securely woven in on the wrong side of the cap.

KEY
CO = cast on
K= knit
K2tog = knit 2 stitches together
DPN’s = double pointed needles