Mock J Crew Ribbed Watchman Cap

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Materials:
Needles: Size US 8 16” circular needles
Size US 8 double-point needles (DPNs)
Yarn: 200-250 yards of any yarn from the Knots of Love’s approved list of yarns.
Stitch marker; Tapestry needle

Definitions: CO = cast on P = purl Rep = repeat
K = knit PM = place marker Rnd = Round

Decrease (dec) stitches:
K2tog = knit two stitches together (dec 1)
P2tog = purl two stitches together (dec 1)
SSK = slip 1 kwise, slip 1 kwise, K2 slip stitches together through back loop (dec 1)
[By alternating the decrease of K2tog with SSK, the hat top will be more rounded instead of a point.]

Instructions:

Ribbing:
With circular needles, CO 88 stitches, PM, and join to work in the round.
Work K2, P2 pattern for 3 ½ inches. K one row around.

Pattern:
Begin body ribbing pattern of K6, P2 all around until hat measures 8 ¾” from CO row.

Crown Shaping: (Switch to DPNs when necessary)

Rnd 1: *K4, K2tog, P2* repeat to end of round (77 stitches remaining)
Rnd 2: *K5, P2* repeat to end of round
Rnd 3: *SSK, K3, P2* repeat to end of round (66 stitches remaining)
Rnd 4: *K4, P2* repeat to end of round
Rnd 5: *K2, K2tog, P2* repeat to end of round (55 stitches remaining)
Rnd 6: *K3, P2* repeat to end of round
Rnd 7: *SSK, K1, P2* repeat to end of round (44 stitches remaining)
Rnd 8: *K2, P2* repeat to end of round
Rnd 9: *K2, P2tog* repeat to end of round (33 stitches remaining)
Rnd 10: *K2tog, K1* repeat to end of round (22 stitches remaining)
Rnd 11: *K2tog* repeat to end of round (11 stitches remaining)

Finishing: Break yarn, leaving 12”. Thread onto a tapestry needle and loosely thread through the remaining stitches. Thread through a 2nd time and pull tightly to close the remaining hole. Thread to inside and stitch in place to secure. Weave in and out of a few stitches, and clip the remaining yarn. Cuff the 2x2 ribbing up 2 to 2 ½” to achieve the J Crew look.

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