

The Tuffiest Puffiest Hat

By Joan of Dark aka Toni Carr

I am so in love with big, chunky yarns right now that I couldn't resist making a big snuggly hat with this extra bulky Super Tuff Puff yarn! With winter and the holidays looming, this hat is not only colorful and warm, it's a great gift that can be whipped up in a couple of hours!

Cables and bobbles add texture to the chunky yarn. It's so big that you only need to work two repeats of the chart to get a finished hat!

Worked from the bottom up in once piece, with an optional pom-pom added on at the end.

Bonus: If you'd like additional instructions on how to make this hat, you can find the video tutorial on my youtube channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/joanofdarkknits>



Difficulty Level

Intermediate

Skills Required

Knit & purl, cast on & bind off

Increasing & decreasing

Working in the round on circular needles

Working small circumferences in the round on DPNs/with magic loop/with two circulars

Cables

Materials

Knit Picks Super Tuff Puff (100% Wool; 44yds/40m per 7oz/200g skein); 2 skeins

Sample uses color Marina

US size 19/15mm 16" circular needle

1 set of US size 19/15mm double pointed needles

**Note:* If you prefer, you can use a longer circular needle and the magic loop method.

Stitch Marker

Cable Needle

Tapestry Needle or size K crochet hook

Large Pom-pom maker

Gauge

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7 sts and 10 rows = 4 inches square in stockinette stitch using US 19/15mm needles

Size

One size

Finished Measurements

20" around at base and 11" from bottom of hat to top

Abbreviations

K: Knit

P: Purl

C8f: Cable 8 in front

B1: Bobble 1 stitch

Knit 2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

Stitches and Techniques

1x1 Rib: Knit 1, Purl 1

Bobble 1: Knit front and back into the stitch on the left hand needle twice, you now have 4 stitches.

Turn, purl across the 4 stitches created.

Turn, pass the 2nd stitch over the 1st stitch three times.

Knit stitch through the back loop.

C8f: Cable 8 front. Slip 4 stitches to cable needle and hold in front.

Knit 4.

Knit 4 stitches from cable needle.

Body

Round 1: Knit 1, b1, k1, p2, knit 8, p2, k1, b1, k1, p2, k8, p2.

Rounds 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9: Knit3, p2, k8, p2, k3, p2, k8, p2.

Round 4: Knit 3, p2, c8f, p2, k3, p2, c8f, p2.

Round 6: Bobble 1, k2, p2, k8,p2, k2, b1, p2, k8, p2.

Repeat Rounds 1-9 once more.

Decrease Rounds

Round 1: Knit 2tog around – 15 sts.

Round 2: Knit 2tog around to last st, k1 – 8 sts.

Round 3: Knit 2tog around – 4 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

Thread through tapestry needle and pull through live sts.

Note: If you have trouble doing this with a tapestry needle, a crochet hook works as well.

Weave in all ends.

Pom-pom

This is optional of course, but I think all hats are made better with a big fluffy pom-pom on top. Follow the instructions on your pom-pom maker, or if you don't have one, you can make your own!

Grab some cardboard and measure two 3" circles. (Or larger! Go big or go home!)

Next, trace and cut out a smaller circle inside each of your two circles. A quarter or dollar coin works as a good size to trace!

Hold the two rings together, and cut a slit through both pieces of cardboard.

Starting at the inside, wrap your yarn around the outside rings until the inside is completely filled with yarn.

Cut around outside of the circle, all the way through the yarn and between your two cardboard rings.

Separate the two rings (not all the way yet!) and wrap a piece of yarn around the middle, tying it tightly. Leave a piece of the yarn long enough to use to secure it to the top of you hat.

Once you've tied your yarn enough to make it secure, you can remove the cardboard. Trim your ends to make your pom even.



Finishing

Block.

Attach pom-pom to the top of the hat securely.

Weave in all ends.



Bobbles!

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