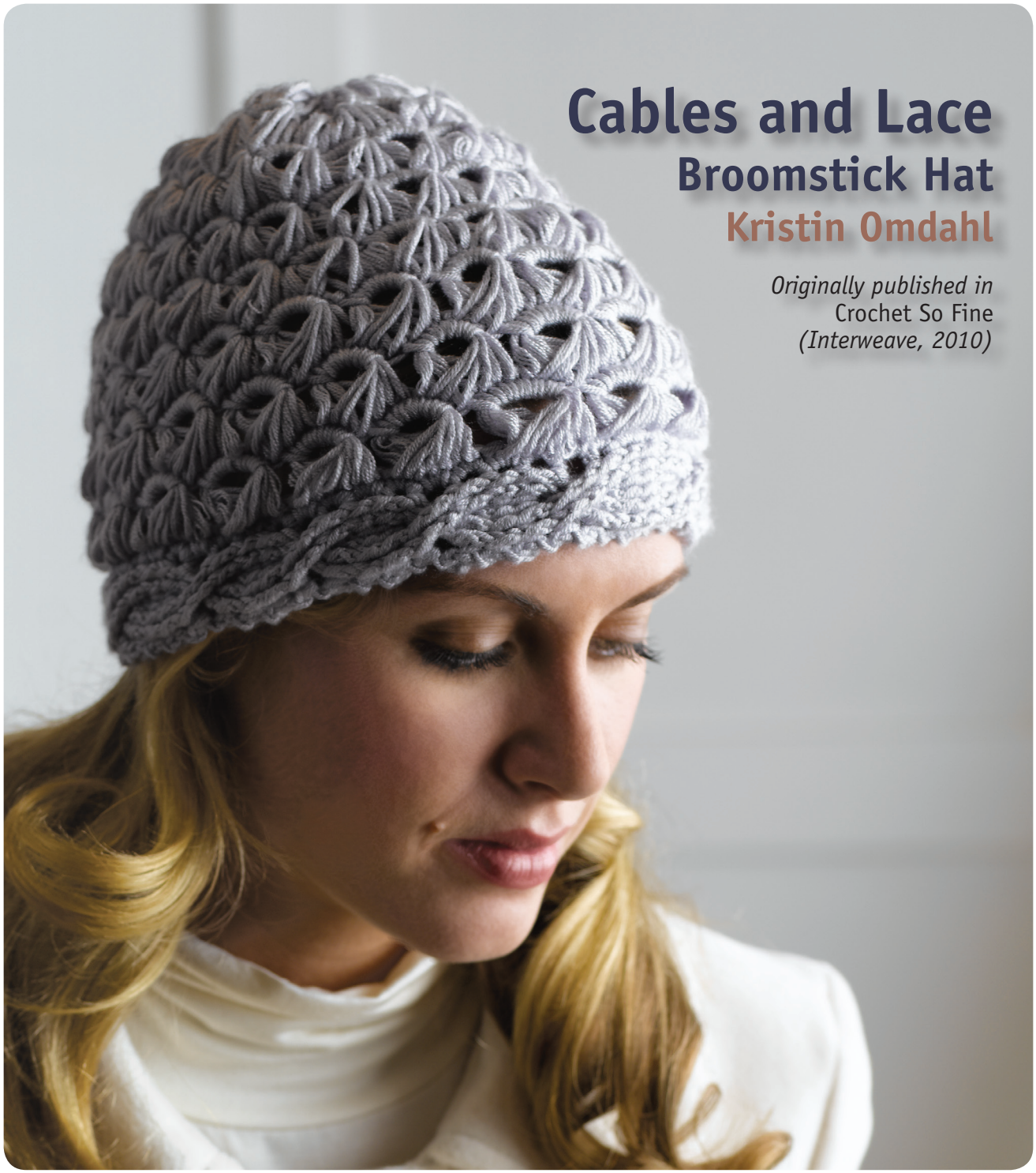

Cables and Lace Broomstick Hat

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cables and lace broomstick hat

This hat is a play on the juxtaposition of cables and lace. The brim's cable is dense, textured, and thick—great for keeping your ears protected in a blustering storm. The body of the hat is worked in broomstick lace, which is also textured, but light. At first glance, you might think the openwork would not be very warm, but the twisted loops of broomstick lace have little pockets of air in the center, which help trap warmth.

yarn

DK weight (#3 Light); 168 yd (154 m).

shown: Lion Brand Yarn, Microspun (100% microfiber acrylic; 168 yd [154 m]/2.5 oz [70 g]): sterling #910-150, 1 skein.

hook

E/4 (3.5mm) or size needed to obtain gauge.

notions

3 straight or 1 circular U.S. 17 (12.75mm) knitting needle(s); tapestry needle.

gauge

6 sts = 1" (2.5 cm); 11 rows in Cable Band patt = 4" (10 cm).

finished size

20" (51 cm) in circumference.

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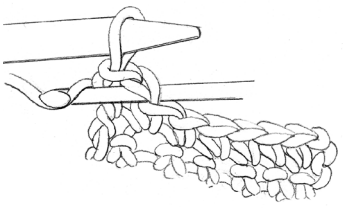
special stitches

Broomstick Lace

Pull up a long loop with yarn on hook, slip loop off of hook and onto knitting needle as stitch holder. *Working to the right, insert hook into next stitch (figure 1), pull up a long loop, and slip loop off of hook and onto knitting needle as a stitch holder. Repeat from * across or as directed by pattern. Slip loops off of knitting needle (as long as you are gentle with your work and don't leave it unattended, it is safe to slip the loops off of the knitting needle). Insert crochet hook into first 6 loops, sl st into grouped 6 loops (figure 2) and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the loops, ch 1 (figure 3), 6 sc in same group of loops (figure 4), **group next 6 loops together, 6 sc in next group of loops (figure 5), repeat from ** across or as directed by pattern.



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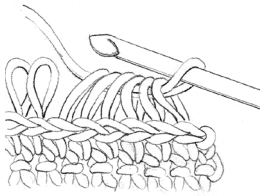

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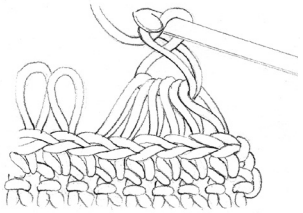

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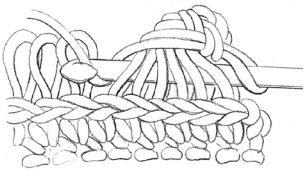

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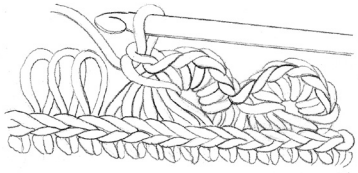

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Back post double crochet (bpdc)

Yarn over hook, insert hook from back to front, to back again around the post of next stitch, yarn over hook, draw yarn through stitch, [yarn over hook, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice.

Front post double crochet (fpdc)

Yarn over hook, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of stitch indicated, yarn over hook and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), [yarn over hook and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice—1 fpdc made.

Front post treble crochet (fptr)

Yarn over hook twice, insert hook in specified stitch from front to back, right to left, around the post (or stem). Yarn over hook, pull through work only, *yarn over hook, pull through 2 loops on hook. Rep from * twice—1 fptr made.

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Cabled Band

Refer to stitch diagram A for assistance.

Ch 10.

ROW 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across—8 dc.

ROW 2: Ch 3, skip first st, bpdc around the post of each st across—8 sts.

ROW 3: Ch 3, skip first 5 sts, fptr around post of next st, fptr around post of next st, working behind last 2 sts made, dc in 4th and 5th sts; working in front of all sts, fptr in 2nd and 3rd st, dc in last st—8 sts.

ROW 4: Ch 3, skip first st, bpdc in each st across—8 sts.

ROW 5: Ch 3, skip first st, fpdc in each st across—8 sts.

ROW 6: Rep Row 4.

ROWS 7–120: Rep Rows 3–6 thirteen times; rep Rows 3–4. Fasten off, leaving a 12" (30.5 cm) tail for sewing seam. Sew last row to foundation ch.

Bottom Edging

With RS facing, join yarn in any row-end st on one side edge of Band. Working in ends of rows across one side of Band, (sl st, ch 1, sl st) in end of each row around, join with sl st in first sl st at beg of rnd. Fasten off—60 ch-1 sps.

Hat Body

Refer to stitch diagram B on p. 5 for assistance.

FOUNDATION RND: Working in opposite ends of rows, join with sl st to any row-end st, ch 1, 2 sc in each row-end st around, join with sl st in first sc at beg of rnd—120 sc. Do not turn.

RND 1: Pull up a long lp with yarn on hook, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, *working to the right, pick up a lp in next st, pull up long lp, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as stitch holder, rep from * until you have used every st—120 lps on needle. Slip lps off of knitting needle (as long as you are gentle with your work and don't leave it unattended, it is safe to slip the lps off of the knitting needle).

Insert crochet hook into first 6 lps, sl st into grouped 6 lps and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the lps, ch 1, 6 sc in same group of lps, **group next 6 lps together, 6 sc in next group of lps, rep from ** around, join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn.

RND 2: Sl st in each of next 3 sts, pull up long lp with yarn on hook, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, *working to the right, pick up a lp in next st, pull up long lp, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, rep from * until you have used every st. Slip lps off of knitting needle.

Insert crochet hook into 6 lps, sl st into grouped 6 lps and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the lps, ch 1, 6 sc in same group of lps, **group next 6 lps together, 6 sc in next group of lps, rep from ** around, join with sl st in first sc.

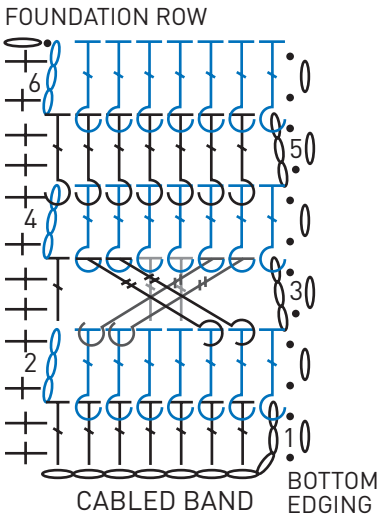
RNDS 3–4: Rep Rnd 2.

RND 5 (DEC RND): Sl st in each of next 3 sts, pull up long lp with yarn on hook, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, *working to the right, pick up a lp in next stitch, pull up long lp, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, rep from * until you have used every st. Slip lps off of knitting needle.

Insert crochet hook into 6 lps, sl st into grouped 6 lps and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the lps, ch 1, 4 sc in same group of lps, **group next 6 lps together, 4 sc in group of lps, rep from ** across, join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn—80 sc.

RND 6: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, pull up long lp with yarn on hook, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, *working to the right, pick up a lp in next st, pull up long lp, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st

stitch diagram A



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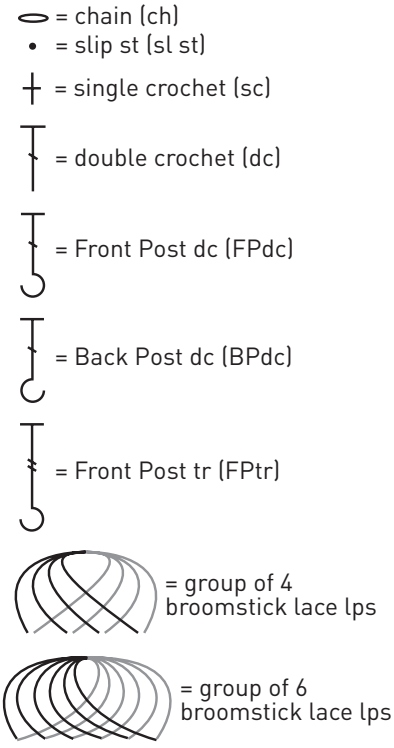

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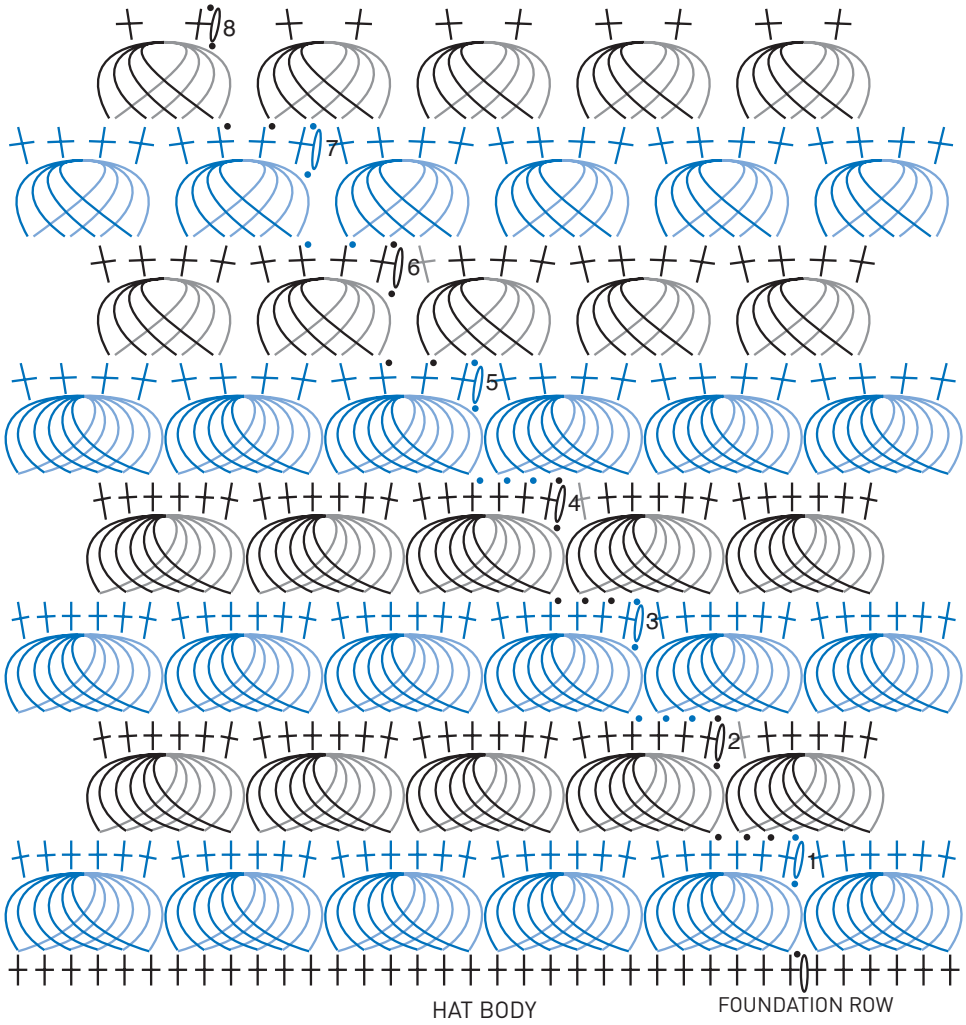
stitch diagram B



holder, rep from * until you have used every st, slip lps off of knitting needle.

Insert hook into 4 lps, sl st into grouped 4 lps and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the lps, ch 1, 4 sc in same group of lps, **group next 4 lps together, 4 sc in grouped 4 lps, rep from ** around, join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn.

RND 7: Rep Rnd 6.

RND 8 (DEC RND): Sl st in each of next 2 sts, pull up long lp with yarn on hook, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, *working to the right, pick up a lp in next st, pull up long lp, slip lp off of hook and onto knitting needle as st holder, rep from * until you have used every st. Slip lps off of knitting needle.

Insert crochet hook into 4 lps, sl st into grouped 4 lps and draw up yarn long enough to be about the height of the lps, ch 1, 2 sc in same group of lps, **group next 4 lps together, 2 sc in group of lps, rep from ** around, join with sl st in first sc—40 sts.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for drawing center tight. With tapestry needle, weave tail through each st on Row 8, pull tightly to draw the sts together. Fasten off securely.

Wet or steam block to finished measurements. Weave in loose ends with a tapestry needle.

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