Woolly Wormhead

unique & original woolly Hat designs

Introduction to Hat Design

workshop outline

Have you ever wanted to design yourself a custom-fit Hat? Are you curious about Hats fit, and what exactly slouch is? In this class Woolly will guide you through the basics for 2 Hat styles – beanie and slouch – knit vertically, worked from the bottom-up. You'll learn about measuring your head, negative ease, how much slouch is enough, and more. Participants will then design themselves a Hat based upon their own measurements. Simple stitch patterns can also be used to add style and decoration to the Hat.

Topics covered
In this workshop, participants will learn about measuring for fit, and about 2 common Hat styles - beanie and slouchy beanie. Participants will then design themselves a Hat based upon their own measurements. Simple stitch patterns can also be used to add style and decoration to their Hat. Time permitting, we will start knitting in the workshop and participants can continue in their own time to complete their unique Hat.

Class structure
This is a 3hr in-person, or 2hr virtual, teacher led class. I will talk through the styles, maths and concepts, and then armed with their new knowledge, students will design their own custom fit vertically knitted Hat.

Materials and equipment
Calculator
Tape measure
Notepad & pencil/pen
5mm to 6mm DPNs or 40cm circular needles
100g of yarn in gauge to match needles *(large gauge & needles preferred!)*

Requirements
Suitable for adventurous beginners. Participants will need knowledge of common increase and decrease methods, and be confident at working in the round.

Homework
Students will need to prepare a gauge swatch for their yarn, as the calculations in this workshop will be based on this. In the absence of a gauge swatch, we will use the ball band suggested gauge, however this may not be as accurate.

Handouts
Workshop notes covering all of the techniques, including charts and illustrated tutorials where applicable will be provided.

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