



# Big Sky Knitting Designs LLC

## **JANET'S Knit CHEMO TOQUE** Designed by Janet Szabo



I had lots of hats when I was having chemo, but they always seemed to be too big, or too floppy, or too "not me." I now have a full head of hair again and don't need a hat. However, I had a friend who had chemo and needed one. I decided to design a nice hat for her. To my absolute delight, it turned out beautifully—it is exactly the kind of hat I would have loved when I was bald. The "down" side is that it requires TWO balls of Chinchilla, but I think it's worth it. By the way, Chinchilla *\*is\** washable by hand in cold water.

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### MATERIALS

2 balls Berroco "Chinchilla" yarn (77 yards per ball) or a substitute such as Sirdar "Snowflake" or Lion Brand "Jiffy"  
Size 8 US (5 mm) 16" circular and one set dp's  
Tapestry needle for darning in ends

**GUAGE:** 16 sts and 20 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on size 8 needles

### PATTERN

**Band:** Cast on 11 stitches and work in garter stitch (knit every row) for 20" or desired circumference (remember, heads are smaller without hair!). Bind off and sew ends together (or graft together if you used a provisional cast-on).

**Crown:** Pick up and knit 110 stitches along one edge of band. Join and place marker to denote beginning of round. Work in stockinette stitch for 2½" or desired depth.

Crown shaping:

Rnd 1: K19, work center double decrease as follows: slip next 2 sts as if to knit, k1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.  
\*K19, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 3 more times (100 sts)

Rnd 2 and all even rounds: Knit

Rnd 3: \*K17, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (move marker as necessary to maintain beginning of round) (90 sts)

Rnd 5: \*K15, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (80 sts)

Rnd 7: \*K13, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (70 sts)

Rnd 9: \*K11, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (60 sts)

Rnd 11: \*K9, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (50 sts)

Rnd 13: \*K7, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (40 sts)

Change to dp's as necessary.

Rnd 15: \*K5, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (30 sts)

Rnd 17: \*K3, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (20 sts)

Rnd 19: \*K1, ctr dbl dec; rep from \* 4 more times (10 sts)

Run yarn through remaining 10 sts and pull up to close. Fasten off and darn in all ends.

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