Borgo de' Pazzi
FIRENZE

Four of diamonds hat
by Alice Twain

Wear this hat as a slouch keeping the border unfolded or fold the border inside to achieve a ribless beanie look. Double layered around the ears, when worn as a beanie, for maximum warmth, this hat is snug-fitting (or looser when slouched back) and unisex. Four columns of cables roll up the brim, but the top section turns them into plain columns of knits converging towards each other by means of simple decreases.

Materials
- **New cedro** (100% wool, 50 g = 100 m), 2 balls, shown in col. NCED31.
- Needles, size 4,5 mm (US 7), 40 cm (16") long circular and a set of DPNs; size 3,75 mm (US 5), 40 cm (16") long circular.
- Cable needle.
- 4 stitch markers.
- Scissors and tapestry needle.

Measures
- *Child*: circ. 43 cm (17"), tot. length 27 cm (10½"), border, 7 cm (2¾").
- *Teen/S Woman*: circ. 46,5 cm (18¼"), tot. length 28 cm (11"), border, 7 cm (2¾").
- *L Woman/S Man*: circ. 50 cm (19½"), tot. length 29 cm (11¼"), border, 7 cm (2¾").
- *Man*: circ. 54 cm (21¼"), tot. length 31 cm (12"), border, 7 cm (2¾").

Sizes
Child (Teen/Woman S, Woman L/Man S, Man)

Tension: 19 sts and 28 rows = 10 cm (4") in rev st st in the round.

Notes
Cast on using an elastic method, I used the Old Norwegian (German twisted) one.

I adopted Elizabeth Zimmermann's m1 increase, formed by casting on in the designed position one extra stitch with the Backwards loop method; if you prefer you can also increase by picking the horizontal thread between two stitches and knitting it through the back loop.

Instructions

Border

C.o. 72 (80, 88, 96) sts with larger needles, join in the round placing a stitch marker bet first and last st. Change to smaller needles.

Work in double rib (k2, p2) for 20 rds. Purl 1 rd.

Change back to the larger needle.

Main section of the hat

Setup rd: * p2 (3, 4, 5), m1, p5, m1, k2, p2, k2, m1, p5, m1, p2 (3, 4, 5) *, work from * to * for 4 times tot. You now have 88 (96, 104, 112) sts.

Continue working as established, keeping the background in rev st st and working cables according to Chart 1, making sure that the cables are aligned ith the two remaining st st columns.

For the **smallest and largest sizes**, start working from rd 7, for the **other two sizes** start from rd 1 of Chart 1.

Work through rd 18, then repeat rounds 5-18 for 1 (1, 1, 2) times.

Start a further repetition of Chart 1 (starting from rd 5) and work to rd 16 (14, 12, 10).

On the last round, place 3 further markers at the center of each rev st st section (count how many sts you have between the two cabled columns and divide by two, the number will vary with each size).

Decrease round 1: * p1, p2tog, p to cable, work cable according to chart, p to 3 sts bef m, p2tog, p1, sm *, around.

Work dec rd every other round until you are down to 56 sts. When the sts become too few to keep working on the circular needle, switch to a set of 5 DPNs (keep sts on 4 needle and work with the 5th).

Decrease round 2: * p2tog, work cable according to chart, p2tog *, around.

After this decrease round, start working according to Chart 2, working the chart 4 times around the hat.

When you are left with 16 sts tot, p2tog around for 1 rd, break yarn, run it through all of the sts and close off.
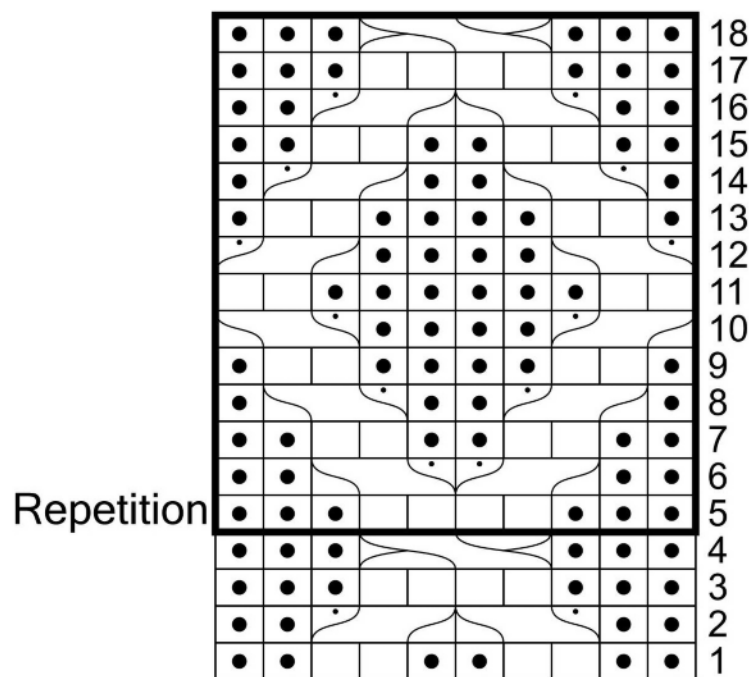
Finishing

Wash the hat in tepid water with mild detergent. Beware, this yarn is not felt-resistant, so make sure you don't use too warm water and do not agitate. Rinse and dip into more tepid water in which you have dissolved a small amount of hair conditioner. Leave in this bath for about 15 minutes. This will help prevent felting and shrinking.

Drain well squeezing off as much water as possible without wringing, dry flat.

Once dry, weave tails in the back.

Chart 1

Repetition

Round 1: P2, [k2, p2] twice.
Round 2: P2, C3f, C3b, p2.
Round 3: P3, k4, p3.
Round 4: P3, C4f, p3.
Round 5: P3, k4, p3.
Round 6: P2, C3b, C3f, p2.
Round 7: P2, [k2, p2] twice.
Round 8: P1, C3b, p2, C3f, p1.
Round 9: P1, k2, p4, k2, p1.
Round 10: C3b, p4, C3f.
Round 11: K2, p6, k2.
Round 12: C3f, p4, C3b.
Round 13: P1, k2, p4, k2, p1.
Round 14: P1, C3f, p2, C3b, p1.
Round 15: P2, [k2, p2] twice.
Round 16: P2, C3f, C3b, p2.
Round 17: P3, k4, p3.
Round 18: P3, C4f, p3.
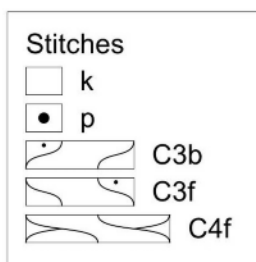
Stitches

☐ k
● p
C3b
C3f
C4f

Chart 2
Round 1: P1, k2, p6, k2, p1.
Round 2: P2, k1, ssk, p4, k2tog, k1, p2.
Round 3: P2, k2, p4, k2, p2.
Round 4: P2, k1, ssk, p2, k2tog, k1, p2.
Round 5: P2, [k2, p2] twice.
Round 6: P2, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, p2.
Round 7: P2, k4, p2.
Round 8: P2, k2tog, ssk, p2.
Round 9: P1, p2tog twice, p1.

Stitches	
▓	No stitch
☐	k
•	p
╱	k2tog
╲	ssk
╱	p2tog

Stitch Glossary
C3b: Slip 1 stitch to cable needle and hold in back; k2; p1 from cable needle.
C3f: Slip 2 stitches to cable needle and hold in front; p1; k2 from cable needle.
C4f: Slip 2 stitches to cable needle and hold in front; k2; k2 from cable needle.
k: Knit.
k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.
No stitch: This stitch is ignored.
p: Purl.
p2tog: Purl 2 stitches together.
ssk: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, then return slipped stitches to left needle and knit 2 together.