



## SLOUCHY BASIC BEANIE:

### Wool and the Gang Alpachino Merino Version

*We love a quick and simple beanie—it can be so gratifying to make a cute topper in an evening or two. Soft and plush Alpachino Merino comes in so many delightful colors, you'll want to whip up one in every color, either to keep for yourself or to gift to a friend!*

**Finished Sizes:** *Adult Medium (Adult Large):* Approx. 20 (22)"/51 (56)cm around x 10"/25.5cm deep.  
*Note: Hat will stretch to fit head 2"/5cm larger than finished circumference.*

**Yarn:** 1 skein Wool and the Gang Alpachino Merino (110 yds/100m each).  
Or approx. 95 (110) yds/87 (100)m of an equivalent chunky-weight yarn.

**Needles** US 10½ (6.5mm) 16"/40cm circular and double-point needles, or size to obtain gauge.  
**& Notions:** US 10 (6mm) 16"/40cm circular needle, or one size smaller than gauge needle.  
5 stitch markers, one in a contrast color for start of round. Darning needle to finish.  
Optional: 2½"/65mm Pom-Pom maker.

**Gauge:** Approx. 12 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch in the round, after blocking.

**Glossary:** **K** = knit; **K2Tog** = knit 2 stitches together; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).

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*Instructions given for Adult Medium; Adult Large in parentheses ().*

**Cast on:** With smaller needle, using long-tail cast-on method, cast on 60 (66) sts. Place contrasting color marker and join in the round, being careful not to twist. On subsequent rounds, slip marker as you come to it.

**Ribbing:** Round 1: \*K1, P1\*; repeat from \* \* to end.  
Repeat Round 1 until piece measures 1"/2.5cm from cast-on edge.  
**Adult Large only:** Next round: K2Tog, knit to end. [65 sts]

**Body (all sizes):** Change to gauge needle, and knit every round until piece measures approx. 7"/18cm from cast-on edge; on last round place 4 more markers every 12 (13) sts.

**Decrease rounds:** Round 1: \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2Tog\*; repeat between \* \* to end. [5 sts decreased]  
Round 2: Knit.  
Repeat Round 1 only (decreasing every round) until 5 sts remain. *Note: Change to double-point needles when necessary.*

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**Finishing:** Break yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail. With darning needle, thread tail through all 5 sts one at a time; draw up tightly; repeat for strength. Weave in ends on wrong side.

Soak for 20 minutes in tepid water with no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll up in a towel and squeeze again. Gently pull to desired dimensions and lay flat; allow to dry thoroughly.

**Optional  
pompom:** Make pompom using leftover or contrasting yarn following instructions on pompom maker. Leave long tails on pompom to sew onto beanie.

With darning needle, pass tails of pompom a small distance apart to inside of beanie; tie together in a tight bow so you can easily remove pompom for washing.