

## *Luxe Hat*

Soft and classically elegant ... with that touch of simple sophistication. This hat is designed to feature luxury yarns -- ours is knitted in baby alpaca and bombyx silk. A simple roll-brim softly frames the face, then three eye-catching Norwegian Braid Bands encircle the main body of the hat. Purl ridges in the decorative crown shaping both define and mask the decrease lines, giving a subtle finish that adds textural interest.

### **Sizing**

Adult small-medium with changes for large in the [ ] brackets. Finished hat circumference 20½[21½]" to fit heads to approximately 22[23]".

### **Yarn and Needles**

Sport or DK weight yarn:

120[130] yards of main color (M)

12 yards of contrast texture/color (C)

C is used along with M when working the Norwegian Braid Bands. Choose yarns that contrast in texture and/or color. We chose a white-on-white color combo with matte/shiny contrast for a sophisticated classic look.

Size 7 US / 4.5mm or size to obtain planned gauge:

16" circular for main body of hat

Set of double pointed needles for crown shaping

**Gauge:** 5 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch with main yarn (M)

Note: 2 strands of fingering weight yarn held together as one can also be used as we did in our pictured model for the C yarn — remember to double the yardage amounts if using 2 strands.

**Pictured model** is shown in size large and was knitted with

(M) Haneke Fancy Exotics thick-and-thin slub yarn 20% baby alpaca/70% merino/10% Tencel lyocell (50g/132 yds) in #10 natural

(C) Treenway Reeled Bombyx Silk #0 (50g/150 yds) undyed natural (we doubled this yarn, so allow twice the stated yardage in the pattern)



**Detail of Norwegian Braid Band**