

## Hermione ♥ 's Ron

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The Harry Potter movies have been a source of knitterly inspiration since Harry first stepped onto the big screen. All those yummy layered scarves and mittens (not to mention the horribly-lovely hand knitted Weasley sweaters!) that English winters require are a wonder to this born-and-raised California girl. When I went to see the movie based on *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* I expected to be blown away...but not by a gorgeously simple little hat! Twice during the movie, Hermione showed up wearing the best little grey watch cap. When my hubby turned to me after the movie to ask what I thought, the first words out of my mouth were "I have got to make that hat!" And two days later, Hermione Hearts Ron was born!

Hermione's hat is the perfect marriage of substantial cables and feminine lace – perfect for transitional weather (or, really, all cold weather in California!). Her hat was a soft-looking grey, and I immediately thought of The Fiber Company's Road to China. The yarn knit up into the hat of my dreams: incredibly soft and drapey, with enough memory to feel super

cozy. The top of her hat was more squared-off than the traditional decreases in a watch cap, (likely because it was a sewn-off machine knit) so I stacked the decreases on top of each other instead of separating them by knit rows to make the crown look more angular. This resulted in an enchanting snowflake effect when the hat is viewed from the top.

Whether or not you're a HP fan, this gorgeous little hat is a knit even the most discerning hat wearer will love. I hope you enjoy knitting Hermione Hearts Ron as much as I loved creating it!

### Materials:

The Fibre Company Road to China Light (65% Baby Alpaca, 15% Silk, 10% Cashmere, 10% Camel, 159y/145m per 50g skein) 1 skein Grey Pearl

### Recommended Needle Size:

US Size 2 16" circular needle  
US Size 3 16" circular needle  
US Size 3 DPN's

Stitch marker, Tapestry Needle, Cable Needle

### Gauge:

28 sts x 36 rows = 4" on lg. needles in cable lace chart. 26 sts x 36 rows = 4" on lg needles in St st.

*always use needle size that will give you the recommended gauge, as every knitter is different!*



## Directions

On smaller needles, CO 132 sts. Place marker to make the beginning of the round, and join in the round, being careful not to twist. *Note: I did two rows of the Italian Tubular Cast On before joining in the round for a super-stretchy and pretty edge, but a regular cast on works just as well.*

Work 10 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Switch to larger needles and work set up rows as follows:

Rows 1 & 2: \*K6, P5, rep from \* around.

Work rows 1-10 of Cable and Lace Chart 4 times, then work rows 1-8 of Cable and Lace Chart once.

Row 9: \* C3F, P5, K1, ssk, k2tog, K1, P5, rep from \* around.

Row 10: \* K6, P5, ssk, k2tog, P5, rep from \* around.

Row 11: \* K6, P4, ssk, k2tog, P4, rep from \* around.

Row 12: \* K6, P3, ssk, k2tog, P3, rep from \* around.

Row 13: \* K6, P2, ssk, k2tog, P2, rep from \* around.

Row 14: \* K6, P1, ssk, k2tog, P1, rep from \* around.

Row 15: \* K6, ssk, k2tog, rep from \* around.

Row 16: K5 \* ssk, k2tog, K4 rep from \* to last 3 sts, ssk, sl1, remove marker, slip slipped st back, k2tog.

Switch to DPN's when the work becomes too small for your circulars. Continue decreases as established, mirroring ssk's and k2tog's until 12 sts are left. K2tog around. Thread yarn through a tapestry needle and pull through the last 6 sts to close.

Weave in all ends and block lightly as desired. Wear to your favorite magical sporting event, or to sip a pint of butterbeer with friends.

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