

# Bankhead



I named this hat in honor of my favorite ghost town; Bankhead (1904-1922). Nestled in the heart of Banff National Park, you'll miss it if you aren't paying attention. It was an old mining town that extracted the coal from Cascade Mountain. The settlement has been abandoned for almost a century, yet all that remains today are a few foundations, coal heaps and the stairs that once lead up to the church. Well worth a visit despite its haunting feel.

The 2 parts of this hat remind me of the 2 sections of the town; upper and lower Bankhead, where the houses existed and the industrial area thrived. The simple pattern resembles the train tracks and mine shafts which scatter the mountainside. This hat would have been a favorite among these coal miners.

## Abbreviations:

K: Knit

P: Purl

Ktbl: Knit through the back loop

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together as if they were one

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This hat should fit an average head

Using a worsted weight yarn and size 7 US 16" circular needles, cast on 100 stitches with the long tail cast on method.

## Ribbing:

Ktbl, p1 for about 3"

## Body:

1: K4, P1

2: K all stitches

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until hat measures 7" from edge of ribbing

Decreases:

1: k2, k2tog, p1

2 and all even rows: knit

3: k3, p1

5: k2tog, k1, p1

7: k2, p1

9: k2tog, p1

11: k1, p1

13: k1, k2tog

15: k2tog

17: k2tog

Cut yarn and gather up remaining stitches.  
Weave in ends and enjoy

