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Add a Jibber To Your Wardrobe

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START NOW to knit a jibber to combat cold winter winds. A jibber is an easy-to-knit cap which protects head and ears, and yet is lightweight and uncumbersome. It is about five inches wide at the top of the head, narrows to two inches under the chin, and is fastened securely by yarn ties to keep out cold air.

The original Swedish pattern has been widely copied in this country, but none of the adaptations are as warm or as comfortable as the Swedish version.

Here's the basic pattern: First buy two ounces of sports yarn and number four needles. Now you are ready to begin a satisfying two-evening project.

Cast on 14 stitches. Knit back and forth for 10 rows, now:

(Row 1) Knit 6, increase 1, place a marker on the needle, increase 1, knit 6.

(Row 2) Knit 6, purl 4, knit 6.

(Row 3) Increase 1 stitch on each side of marker on right side of work.

(Row 4) Knit 6, purl to last 6, knit 6.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until there are 48 stitches on the needle. Work even for 4-1/2 inches.

Decrease as follows:

Knit 22, slip 1, knit 1, pass slip stitch over, place a marker, knit 2 together, knit to end of row.

Knit 6, purl to last 6, knit 6.

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Repeat these two rows until work is down to 14 stitches.

Knit 10 rows.

Bind off stitches.

Yarn ties:

Crochet two 12 inch chains, using a double strand of yarn for each. Attach a yarn tassel to one end. Fasten the ties to each end of the jibber.

To make the tassel, wind a length of yarn ten times around a two inch strip of cardboard. Tie the loops securely with a piece of yarn and slip them from the card. About one-half inch from the tied end wind another piece of yarn tightly five times around the tassel. Tie securely, clip, and trim the loops at the untied end.

To complete the jibber, press carefully with a steam iron or under a moistened cloth. Pressing prevents curled edges and smoothes the work.

There are many variations to this basic pattern. A more dressy version may be knit from three one-half ounce balls of French angora yarn. For an



Marty Keeney, author of this story, models the warm wool Swedish jibber which she knitted in two evenings. The jibber is an adaptation of the Swedish cap.

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unusual and luxurious effect, use navy blue, black, or brown yarn. If angora is used, increase only to 44 stitches and work even for four inches. Pastel angora or yarn jibbers trimmed with sequins or pearls make attractive hoods for winter party-going.

The same pattern can be adapted

for little girls by using finer yarn and smaller needles. These may be trimmed with wool embroidery or felt flowers. Other variations are limited only by imagination and materials.

Start now to knit a jibber — a smart and practical idea for winter wear and Christmas giving.