Elfish Hat

This hat is knit flat and seamed up at the end.

Requirements:

Yarn: 1 Skein Cascade 220 (or any worsted weight yarn). I used Cascade 220 Superwash (220 yards (100 grams, 3.53 oz).

Needles: Size 7 needles.

Gauge: This pattern is written for an adult sized hat. (I knit at 4 stitches per inch.)

Abbreviations:

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

Pattern:

Cast on 88 stitches.
Knit each row until knitting measures 7 inches from cast on edge.

Once you have reached 7 inches, you will decrease one stitch at the beginning and end of each row (2 stitches per row) by repeating the following row:

K2tog and then knit to the last 2 stitches and K2tog. (after first row you will have 86 stitches remaining.)

Repeat until you have only 2 stitches remaining. Do not bind these off.

Instead: Use these stitches to begin a 2 stitch **I-cord**. Knit the I-cord until it is about 3 inches long. Bind off **one stitch** so that you have 1 stitch remaining. Leave this stitch loop to connect the pom pom.

I-Cord: *(if you don't know how to knit an I-cord, here's a link to a great tutorial: http://www.purlbee.com/i-cord-tutorial/)*

Pom Pom

Make a small pompom. I used a small pom pom maker that I purchased at Hobby Lobby. It was pretty handy. Leave a longer length of the yarn used to tie the pom pom together, and use this yarn to tie into the loop from the I-cord to connect the pom pom. I tied and double tied this and then trimmed my ends to the length of the pom pom strands.

Seam up the hat. I used a mattress stitch.