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Pom Beanies are the Best

Most people tend to view winter's icy chill as the most horrid of feelings. In response, they adhere to the saying, "comfort over style" and never hesitate to inquire of themselves a question: why not have both? It almost seems an obvious question for anyone to ask. If one wants to look good and also feel good, should people deny them their rights? A person's standards should not have to be lowered so that they can pretend everything is fine in the worst of the worst conditions. Style should be promoted through -if not made priority over- comfort, specifically on the head. A pom beanie achieves style, comfort, and convenience, and because of this, it should be worn by anyone who has a head.

The style of a beanie turns heads and can change an average joe into an above average joe. Fashion artists always pressure the people to clomp around in their noisy shoes and wear tight, layered clothes that weigh them down with the desire to make a good impression. Granted, they may look more professional, but that is not a look someone strives to have all day and all night. People desire the look of a relaxed, chic, and amiable soul. Think of the dads who always try to be "hip" when their child's friends come over, but sagging pants, no-sleeves, and sideways hats are no match against the pom beanie. The pom beanie's smooth style shows everyone who's the wisest in the trends. People never wish for a stress-filled, occupational look in their lives, but rather, they are excited for the casual work days or the times they can wear sweatpants. This stress-free look for a body is also available for the head in the form of a pom beanie which radiates to the world a sense of tranquility when one cozily places this soft piece of clothing around their ears. The image of peace is a picture that people have always wanted, and the pom beanie is sure to deliver this with each glamorous thread giving satisfying a glowing warmth.

For those crazy people who desire more than style in their clothes, the pom beanie also delivers comfort for their head. There is a reason that a person with the luck of wearing a pom beanie appears to be in a distant, blissful paradise. It is because they *are* in a blissful paradise, though not so distant. Only the Pom Beanie can form an oven to bake the bread inside while acting as a wreath of puppy fur (no puppies are harmed in making beanies, unless they go blind

from staring at the pom beanie's blinding glory, but that can't be helped). It gives a feeling of contentment that is only increased with the addition of sweatpants and a sweatshirt. Just imagine sweatpants, in all their warm satisfaction for the legs, as a hat. The pom beanie is the secret ingredient to the chef's masterpiece, the wife to the husband, the candy to the kid, the crutch to the guy shouting, "Give me back my crutch!" It is not needed in life, but it sure makes everything a billion times better. Winter's brutal flanks can no longer break the lines of thread surrounding the precious fort nor will the form-fitting walls be breached by cloud catapults firing precipitation at the skulls below. Everything annoying, ranging from pesky mosquitos searching for their next victim to the subarctic water dripping down from the roof, will soon taste defeat as the wearer feels continuous victory with the ultimate defender up top. It is surprising that these pieces of clothing are not prescribed by every doctor who has had a basic education as they increase happiness and comfort which in turn betters one's health. Literally, emotionally, spiritually, metaphorically, soliloquy, and analytically, there is no downside to the pom beanie. No other headpiece can erase the feeling of discomfort and emptiness on the bare head like the pom beanie, the protector from strong winds, and the defender from freezing temperatures.

In addition to achieving both style and comfort, the pom beanie also rewardingly remains a convenient piece of headwear usable anytime and anywhere. No place is the wrong place for a pom beanie. Outside? Wear it. Inside? Go ahead. In the dorm? Perfect! In the shower? Sure! Why not? The tool to happiness is acceptable in all places because one should be happy everywhere. Moreover, pom beanies work just as well as night caps as they do day caps since they complement the bed in making one feel cozy and look good while sleeping. The comfy head translates into a comfy bed for true beauty sleep. Then in the morning, a person will awake with that same, lasting comfort continuing through the rest of the day. Truly, any time is the perfect time to wear a pom beanie since it is an accepted piece of expression and coziness. Class time becomes an hour to learn *and* relax. Dinner time is no longer a satisfaction to the stomach but also to the head. The enjoyable moments spent with friends can be made that much more fantastic now that a piece of light, magical material is available for the deprived head. The number of inconvenient times to wear this miracle fabric is about as minimal as the number of juveniles on the nice list. The few months of summertime might cause the hat to be a little too overwhelming, but the pom beanie would still be a refuge of comfort inside the air-conditioned home. The boundaries that contain the reasonable moments to wear a pom beanie are almost endless.

As an owner of one of these fine hats, I am privileged to pick up and slip on my helmet of luxury. As I bask in the luxurious ocean of comfort, I am riddled with all sorts of accusations and questions. Some say that they can achieve this same level of comfort with a regular beanie, but there is no reason to look like a swimmer so to have a warm head. People dare to ask what the difference between a pom beanie and pom-pom beanie is. It seems obvious that there are two poms instead of one, which is just too much and too absurd since one pom is lighter and just as successful at its task. Those skeptics also state that the pom beanie can only be worn with a few outfits. Nonsense! The pom beanie looks fresh with every get-up. Worn with tuxedos, khakis, dresses, jeans, suits, pajamas, or shorts, the pom beanie always creates that chill and snug vibe. To other people, all that was previously stated is not enough to make them wear this hat. Seriously, can't they be content with what they are already given? If all of this is not enough and there needs to be a more "life-bettering" reason other than the ones previously stated, a reason that will leave all of the pom beanie's competitors in the dust, then here is one. Many products claim to be the most satisfying, and they use a crazy argument to push their claim, but the pom beanie doesn't need to do such things. The pom beanie doesn't need to because it is undoubtedly the best and will surely help in anyone's pursuit of glory and riches.

There really is no negative side to the pom beanie save maybe for one thing. Anything as awesome as the hat and the wearer of it will find themselves surrounded by haters. Haters who claim that their bare heads can stand the discomfort that life throws at them, who think a pound of hair gel and a comb will outdo the magnificent piece of tapestry in hat form, who, in the end, are only jealous of the paradise that rests on a different head than their own. People will chuckle at an "absurd" piece of clothing but then turn their faces away in jealousy, carefully controlling the temptation to snatch the crown off the majesty's cranium. The pom beanie conveys the image of tranquility desired by all and equally serves to comfort a person's most valuable part of their body which is why this style and comfort should be presented anywhere that one brings his head. It really is a gateway to a convenient experience filled with comfort that also advocates style which is why I urge everyone to share in this life-changing clothing.

This essay has its high points and low points. A high point of my essay, I believe, was the humor. I felt I wasn't forcing it too much, except in a few parts, but I always kept a happy, joking tone. I am proud of the comparisons made between the pom beanie and a king's crown in the concluding paragraph (pg. 4), and I enjoyed making the hypocritical statement at the end of the first paragraph also on page four. I am also really glad that overall I still kept a clear structure even though I was also focusing on the hyperbolic descriptions.

One of the low points included an unintended, sexist statement. In my conclusion paragraph, I had stated that men would be struggling to keep their girls focused on them. This statement assumes that women only look for the best-looking man and will not stay loyal to their man if he is not current with the trends. It also assumed that only men wear pom beanies. I looked to the “sexist and biased language” section in our handbook, which explained to “avoid occupational or social stereotypes” (pg. 168). Even though the whole essay was meant to be silly, after careful examination, and the fact that the sentence was also a little confusing, I decided to take it out entirely.