



Endura BaaBaa Merino Skip Beanie £19.99

The heaviest hat on test, the Skip Beanie does well to keep its overall profile relatively low, although I did need to lengthen my helmet's chin strap a touch to clip it shut comfortably.

The cheapest merino hat on test, it comes without the luxurious feel of the other two. It's still 95 per cent wool, so you'll benefit from all the natural properties of insulation and water repellency, but it just has a rougher finish than the Giro and Rapha models.

WEIGHT
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GRAMS

For me the peak on the Skip Beanie was the optimal length, measuring 210mm — a good centimetre shorter than the Giro and Specialized. It still did well at keeping the sun and spray at bay, but meant I didn't have to crane my neck to see up the road when on the drops. The circular knit of this single-size hat makes it's stretchy enough for small and large heads, both in terms of circumference and depth.

It won't keep you warmer than the other merino-blend versions and doesn't come with the deluxe touch, but at less than £20, or £22.99 for the black camo version, it's a great price for what is a good-looking hat.

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Colour: black, black camo
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