

“El Hatto Negro”

Mind of Winter Designs



Although this looks like your average ribbed hat, it isn't. It's a broken rib pattern with columns of slipped twisted knit stitches. The fabric looks sort of like reverse stockinette stitch on the wrong side, and is really, really thick and fluffy. It is much warmer than k1, p1 rib and also a bit less stretchy. If you live in a cold climate, or just like to ensure that absolutely no heat escapes from your noggin in the cold, this is the hat for you.

Skill Level Advanced Beginner

Skills Circular Knitting on Double Pointed Needles
Slip, Slip, Knit Decreasing

- Sizing Sized to fit a head circumference of up to:
15.5 (17, 18.5, 20, 21.75, 23.5) inches
infant (small child, older child, adolescent/small woman,
woman, man)
Finished hat will be substantially smaller in circumference than
head size (approximately 68%).
MEASURE RECIPIENT TO ENSURE ACCURATE RESULTS.
- Yarn 1 (2, 2, 2, 2) skeins of Karabella Aurora 8 (100% merino wool)
98 yards/90 meters per skein.
For purposes of substitution, use a similar yarn with a
suggested gauge of 18 stitches, 26 rows per 4 square inches in
stockinette stitch.
Shown in black, which is now discontinued.
- Needles US 6 (4.0 mm) double pointed needles
US 4 (3.5 mm) double pointed needles
OR SIZES NECESSARY TO MAKE GAUGE
- Notions darning needle
4 stitch markers to mark points of decrease (optional)
- Gauge 33 stitches and 46 rows per 4 square inches in pattern, using
larger size needles. Measure gauge swatch unblocked and
unstretched.



Main Hat

Using smaller double-pointed needles, CO 88 (96, 104, 112, 120, 128) sts and join to work in the round, placing 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) sts on each of four needles.

Round 1 and all odd rounds: *p1, k1* to end.

Round 2 and all even rounds: *k1, slip 1 knitwise with yarn in back* to end.

After 10 rounds, switch to larger double-pointed needles.

Continue in pattern, until hat measures about 3.5 (4, 4.5, 5, 5, 5.5) inches in length, ending after an even round.

Shape Crown

Note: Points of decrease will occur at the center and again at the end of each needle. If you wish to mark the decreases that fall in the center of each

needle, simply place markers after the ssk's on the first decrease round as you work them.

Decrease for crown shaping as follows:

Work 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 3 (4, 5, 6, 7, 8) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

Work 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise. *For infant size, go to "all sizes" instructions to continue.*

Work - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise. *For small child size, go to "all sizes" instructions to continue.*

Work - (-, 1, 2, 3, 4) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise. *For older child size, go to “all sizes” instructions to continue.*

Work - (- , - , 1, 2, 3) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise. *For adolescent/small woman’s size, go to “all sizes” instructions to continue.*

Work - (- , - , - , 1, 2) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise. *For woman’s size, go to “all sizes” instructions to continue.*

Work - (- , - , - , - , 1) sts in patt, ssk to end.

Work one round even, slipping any sts that have been knit together on the previous round knitwise.

All sizes: Ssk until 8 sts remain. Cut the yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Weave the tail through the live stitches using a tapestry needle and pull tightly. Weave in all ends.

Finishing

Wash hat gently using a tiny bit of wool wash in cool water. Rinse and lay flat to dry. Wear in all elements, secretly feeling superior to all those shivering folks in traditional ribbed hats!