

YARN

DK weight approx. 150-170m

Sample used Adventures in Yarncraft Merino

Sock DK Yarn (85% Superwash Merino /
15% Nylon) 100g / 225m. Colourway: Violet

NEEDLES

3.75mm (US5) and 4mm (US6)
circular knitting needles or dpns

NOTIONS

Darning needle
Stitch marker (optional)

GAUGE

26sts x 32rows = 10cm (4 inches) with
larger needles, in lightly blocked k3, p1 rib

TO FIT/SIZE(S)

Toddler: 43cm / 17in
Child: 45.5-48cm / 18-19in
Teen: 50.5-53cm / 20-21in
Small adult: 56cm / 22in
Large adult: 61cm / 24in

Further info on sizes given on pg2.

ABBREVIATIONS

CO - cast on

K - knit

P - purl

P2TOG - purl 2 stitches together

SSK - slip, slip, knit - with yarn held in
back, slip the first stitch knitwise, slip the
2nd stitch knitwise, place the tip of the
non-working needle through the front of
the 2 slipped stitches and knit the slipped
stitches together through the back loop.
(1 stitch decreased over 2 stitches)



Designed and knitted in the height of summer, this hat represents a desire to knit whilst not wanting to have a bunch of knitted fabric from a shawl or top lying in my lap. It was a hot (for the UK), sunny Friday afternoon sat outside in the garden with a cool drink, yarn that matched the waterfall of wisteria blooms next to me and straight lines inspired by the bamboo and rattan surrounding me. The stitch pattern is easy enough to commit to memory with enough interest to keep you going, with the purl bumps following all the way through the decreases.

NOTES

If you need to change your needle size to get gauge, the smaller needle, used for the brim, will need to be changed to remain one size smaller than the larger needle.

The pattern is written for a multiple of 8 sts. If you need to make the hat smaller or larger than the sizes written, you must add/subtract a multiple of 8. When working the decreases, if you are working a total number of sts which is an odd multiple of 8, follow the instructions at the end as for sizes 3 & 5. If your total number of sts is an even multiple of 8, follow the instructions at the end as for size 4.

All sizes can be made from one 100g / 225m skein of DK weight yarn, with some left over. I've used this as a feature yarn for my matching cowl.

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Size information

All sizes have a certain amount of stretch and the finished measurements of the hat will be smaller than those listed in the 'To Fit' section, so pick the size closest to your measurements.

The sizes given on Pg 1 are the 'To Fit' sizes, i.e. head circumference of wearer.

Size	Approx. finished measurements	To fit (head circumference)
Toddler	31cm / 12in	43cm / 17in
Child	34cm / 13.5in	45.5-48cm / 18-19in
Teen	37cm / 14.75in	50.5-53cm / 20-21in
Small adult	40cm / 16in	56cm / 22in
Large adult	43cm / 17.25in	61cm / 24in

The pattern lists the Toddler size values first with the subsequent sizes following in brackets.

E.g. 1 (2, 3, 4, 5)

If there is a dash in place of one of the values, it means that instruction is not worked for that size.

Main Pattern - Brim & Body

BRIM

With the smaller needle, CO 80 (88, 96, 104, 112) sts and join in the round being careful not to twist your stitches. Place marker to indicate start of round. The hat is worked in the round, slipping the marker as you go.

Rib round: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat rib round a further 11 times, or until piece measures approx 3.75cm / 1.5in from cast on edge. *Change to larger needles for the rest of the pattern. This is an ideal place to try on the rib, if possible, to double check that it fits your head snugly but not too tightly.*

BODY (Switch to larger needles)

Round 1: *k3, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: repeat Round 1.

Round 3: *p4, k3, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 4-7: repeat Round 1.

Round 8: *k3, p5, repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 9-12: repeat Round 1.

Repeat Rounds 3-12 until hat measures approx. 10.8(12.7, 14.6, 16.5, 17.8)cm / 4.25(5, 5.75, 6.5, 7)in from cast on edge, finishing after you have worked a Round 7 or a Round 12.

You can adjust this even more to fit your head. The decrease rounds add about 5cm / 2in onto the height of the hat so if you measure your head to determine how far from brow to crown, subtract 5cm / 2in from it and that is how far you need to work the hat before beginning to decrease.

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Crown Decreases

Decrease Instruction Set A (Use if you have just finished on Round 12 of the Main Pattern)

Decrease Round 1(a): *p2tog, p2, k3, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) sts

Decrease Rounds 2-5(a): *k2, p1, k3, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 6(a): *k2, p1, p2tog, p2, repeat from * to end of round. 60 (66, 72, 78, 84) sts

Decrease Rounds 7-9(a): *k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 10(a): *p2tog, p1, k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 50 (55, 60, 65, 70) sts

Decrease Rounds 11-12(a): *k1, p1, k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 13(a): *k1, p1, p2tog, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts

Decrease Round 14(a): *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 15(a): *ssk, k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 30 (33, 36, 39, 42) sts

Decrease Round 16(a): *k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 17(a): *k1, ssk, repeat from * to end of round. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts

Decrease Round 18(a): *ssk, repeat from * to end of round. 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) sts

For sizes 1&2, see instructions for Finishing on pg 4.

For sizes 3&5:

Decrease Round 19(a): *ssk, repeat from * to end of round. - (-, 6, -, 7) sts.

Then see instructions for Finishing on pg 4.

For size 4:

Decrease Round 19(a): *ssk, repeat from * to last st, k1. - (-, -, 7, -) sts.

Then see instructions for Finishing on pg 4.

Decrease Instruction Set B (Use if you have just finished on Round 7 of the Main Pattern)

Decrease Round 1(b): *k3, p1, p2tog, p2, repeat from * to end of round. 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) sts

Decrease Rounds 2-5(b): *k3, p1, k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 6(b): *p2tog, p2, k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 60 (66, 72, 78, 84) sts

Decrease Rounds 7-9(b): *k2, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 10(b): *k2, p1, p2tog, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 50 (55, 60, 65, 70) sts

Decrease Rounds 11-12(b): *k2, p1, k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

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Decrease Round 13(b): *p2tog, p1, k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts

Decrease Round 14(b): *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 15(b): *k1, p1, ssk, repeat from * to end of round. 30 (33, 36, 39, 42) sts

Decrease Round 16(b): *k1, p1, k1, repeat from * to end of round.

Decrease Round 17(b): *ssk, k1, repeat from * to end of round. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts

Decrease Round 18(b): *ssk, repeat from * to end of round. 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) sts

For sizes 1&2, see instructions for Finishing below.

For sizes 3&5:

Decrease Round 19(b): *ssk, repeat from * to end of round. - (-, 6, -, 7) sts.

Then see instructions for Finishing below.

For size 4:

Decrease Round 19(b): *ssk, repeat from * to last st, k1. - (-, -, 7, -) sts.

Then see instructions for Finishing below.

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving a decent length tail. Thread tail onto darning needle and draw through the live stitches slipping them off the knitting needles. Pull tail tight to close the top of the hat and secure end. Weave in any ends.