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# *The Amanda Hat*

By Gina House

A fantastically soft and universally attractive hat. Warm, cozy and wonderful for the winter!

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## *What You'll Need:*

**Needle:** US 9 (5.5 mm), 16" (40.6 cm) and 40" (101.6 cm) circular or set of dpns

**Yarn:** 110 yards (100.5 m) of a soft, single ply heavy worsted weight merino wool yarn (*used 1/2 skein of Malabrigo Worsted, colorway "Jacinto"*)\*\*

**Notions:** stitch marker, scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape

**Finished Dimensions:** 8" (20.3 cm) cast on to crown by 10.75" (27.3 cm) across widest part of hat. This size fits a women's head approximately 20-22" (50.8-55.9 cm) around.

**Gauge:** 4 sts and 5 rows = 1 inch (2.5 cm) in stockinette

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## *Directions:*

Cast on **83 stitches** loosely. Being careful not to twist, join in the round and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

1. Garter Ribbing: (approx. 1.5"/3.8 cm)

Round 1: purl

Round 2: knit

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 **three more times**. (A total of 8 rounds)

2. Body of Hat: (approx. 5"/12.7 cm)

Follow the **Background Lace** pattern (see **Background Lace** Chart) for **12 rounds**. (3 repeats)

Repeat Garter Ribbing **two times**. (4 rounds)

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3. Crown Decreases: (approx. 2.5"/6.4 cm)

**Round 1:** (k5, k2tog) around to last 6 sts, k6

**Round 2** and all even rounds: knit

**Round 3:** (k4, k2tog) around

**Round 5:** (k3, k2tog) around

**Round 7:** (k2, k2tog) around

**Round 9:** (k1, k2tog) around

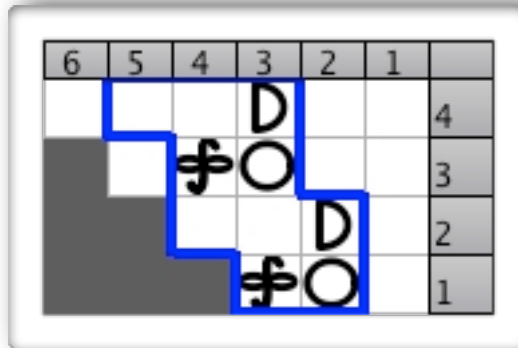
**Round 11:** (k2tog) around

**Round 12:** knit

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail, pull through your last stitch and weave in the ends on the wrong side of the hat. *And, yes, there IS supposed to be a line to show where the back of the hat is :D*

**NOTE:** This hat is a bit deep for **greater warmth and wearability** - and also to cover the ears. If you find this hat to be *TOO* deep for your head, complete only 2 out of the 3 repeats of the Lace Background pattern between the garter ridges or leave out the second set 4 rounds of garter stitch after the second set of pattern rounds of hat. Some knitters have also opted to do a bit more decreasing at the top of the head. You can continue with the decreases (*as established*) until you have the desired amount of stitches left on the needle before ending. If you wish to make a child's size, download my **FREE Baby Amanda Hat** pattern (*available on Ravelry or my website...see last page of pattern for more details.*) Also, join the **Amanda Hat Mania** or **Sleepyheads** group on Ravelry or the **Amanda Hat Mania Flickr group** (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1202323@N20/>)!

## Lace Background Chart



### **Stitch Pattern Repeat Outlined in Blue**



**Round 1:** k1, \*yo, (sl1, k1, yo, psso over 2 sts)\*; repeat "...\* to end (124 sts)

**Round 2:** k1, \*drop yo, k2\*; repeat "...\* to end (83 sts)

**Round 3:** k2, \*yo, (sl1, k1, yo, psso over 2 sts)\*; repeat "...\* to last st, k1 (123 sts)

**Round 4:** k2, \*drop yo, k2\*; repeat "...\* to last st, k1 (83 sts)

Repeat Rounds 1-4 for pattern.

Key	
<b>D</b>	Drop d (RS) drop the yarn over off the needle
	Knit k (RS) Knit
<b>f</b>	Sl1 K1 Yo Psso2 skyopssso2 (RS) Slip 1 st, knit 1 st, yo, pass the slipped st over both the knit st AND yo
	No Stitch x (RS) No Stitch
<b>O</b>	Yarn Over yo (RS) Yarn Over



For more information, check out the links below. *Happy Knitting!*

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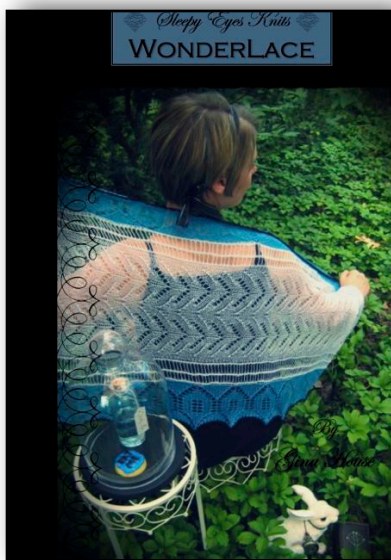
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**"Sleepy Eyes Knits: Wonderlace"\***

Includes **13 brand new** lace patterns, in all levels of difficulty and yarn weight. All patterns include full color, beautiful pictures, **lace charts AND written instructions**, as well as a bonus Knitter's Tarot Spread by acclaimed Tarot Expert, **Barbara Moore**.

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**\*\*Other Yarns to Consider:** Manos del Uruguay "Maxima", Knit Picks "Preciosa" or "Chroma".