



# The Armando Hat

*A Fantastically Soft (and more manly) Hat Pattern  
based on "The Amanda Hat"*

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## Materials:

**Yarn:** approx. 1/2 skein of Malabrigo Worsted merino yarn (shown in Azul Profundo and Bergamota ) or 2 oz/60 grams of a single ply heavy worsted weight merino yarn.

**Needles:** US 9 16" circular needle and dpns (or needle size for correct gauge), scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape

**Size:** Men's medium/large head (21-22")-

Beanie Size (shown in blue): 7" tall from top to bottom, 9.25" at widest point.

Medium Size: 8" tall from top to bottom, 9.25" at widest point.

Full size (shown in orange): 9" tall from top to bottom, 9.25" at widest point

**Gauge:** 4 stitches to 1 inches in stockinette

**Note:** If you are careful with your gauge, you can make 2 medium size hats from 1 full skein of Malabrigo Worsted or 1 beanie and 1 full size.

## Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

yo = bring yarn over needle from front to back

psso = pass the slipped stitch over the indicated stitches on left of it.

k2tog = knit two stitches together knitwise

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

sl 1 = slip one stitch purlwise

## Lace Background Pattern:

Round 1: k1, \*yo, sl 1, k1, yo, psso\*...\*repeat across round. (124 stitches)

Round 2: k1, \*drop yo, k2\*...\*repeat across round. (83 stitches)

Round 3: k2, \*yo, sl 1, k1, yo, psso\*...\*repeat across round, end with k1. (123 stitches)

Round 4: k2, \*drop yo, k2\*...\*repeat across round, end with k1. (83 stitches)

**\*REMINDER:** the psso in this pattern refers to passing the slipped stitch over the knit **AND** yo stitches.



## Directions:

With US 9 circular needle (or correct size to make gauge), CO 83 (**for all sizes**) stitches **loosely**. Making sure stitches aren't twisted, join in the round.

**Seed Stitch Ribbing:** (approx. 1" for all sizes)

Round 1: \*(k1, p1)...repeat from \* across, ending with a k1

Round 2: \*(p1, k1)...repeat from \* across, ending with a p1

Repeat rounds 1 and 2, one more time (4 rounds total), repeat round 1 again. (5 rounds of seed stitch)

**Body of Hat:** [approx. 4 (5)(6")]

Knit 1 round.

Repeat the 4 rounds of the Lace Background Pattern 6 (7) (8) times [24(28) (32) rounds total]



**Crown Decreases:** (approx. 2" for all sizes)

Round 1: \*k5, k2tog...\*repeat around to the last 6 stitches, knit 6.

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit around

Round 3: \*k4, k2tog...\*repeat around

Round 5: \*k3, k2tog...\*repeat around

Round 7: \*k2, k2tog...\*repeat around

Round 9: \*k1, k2tog...\*repeat around

Round 11: \*k2tog...repeat from \* around.

Cut yarn with 6" tail. Thread tapestry needle and bring through remaining stitches. Pull tightly. Bring tail to inside of hat. Weave in the two yarn ends securely.

*(Signature vertical line indicates which side is the back.)*

Block if desired. Wear and enjoy!

Congratulations, you're done! I hope you've enjoyed this pattern and if you have any comments, questions or find any errors (hopefully not!), please contact me here:

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*FYI: The Amanda Hat was named after one of my closest friends, Amanda, and The Armando Hat is named after her uncle, Armando - for a more manly looking hat.*

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