



Winter Hiking Hat

*A Warm, Quickly Knit and Handsome Hat
for Women or Men*

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Skill Level: Beginner Intermediate

Yarn: 1 skein (approx. 125-150 yards or 60-75 grams) of **light worsted weight wool** or wool blend yarn. Yarns used for this pattern include: Cascade 220 Heathers (in Forest Green), Patons Classic Merino and Sereknity Sweet (in "Floozy" pink).

Needles: US 6 and US 7, 16" circular needle and US 7 dpns (or needle size for correct gauge), scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape, stitch marker.

Size: Woman Large/Men's Medium (approx. 21-23" head circumference)

Gauge: 5.5 stitches and 6.5 rows to 1 inch in stockinette in size US 7

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

sl 1 = slip one stitch purlwise

k2tog = knit two stitches together knitwise

psso = pass the previous slipped stitch over the k2tog

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please take the time to make a 4x4" **gauge swatch** using your desired yarn and needles before beginning this pattern. If your gauge isn't correct, your hat won't fit correctly. To ensure that you end up with a nicely fitting and attractive hat, please knit a swatch first. :)

PERSONALIZE SIZE: To personalize a size for your exact shaped head, you may wish to take a measurement from the crown of your head to your eyebrows (or wherever you'd like the ribbing of the hat to lay). Take this number and subtract 1" (the decrease part) and call it "x". Instead of using knitting the pattern of the hat to 5 inches before decreases, use "x" as the number of inches to knit before decreasing for the crown of the head.



Directions:

With **US 6** circular needle (or correct size to make gauge), **CO 110** stitches. Making sure stitches aren't twisted, join in the round and place a marker to note the start of the round.

1x1 Ribbing: (2 inches)

Every round: *(k1, p1); repeat from * to end.

Repeat this round for **14 rounds** or until the 1x1 ribbing measures 2 inches.

Next Round (decrease round): Change to **US 7** needle. K2tog, k53, k2tog, k53 (**108** stitches remaining)

Body of Hat: (5 inches or until desired height)

Round 1: *(Sl 1, k11); repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until hat (*from ribbing, but not including the ribbing*) measures **5"**, or **desired height ("x")**.

Crown Decreases: (approx. 1 inch)

Change from circular to dpns when needed

Round 1: k10, *(Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k9); repeat from * to 1 st before marker. Then, Sl 1 stitch from **LEFT** needle to the **RIGHT** needle, remove stitch marker, move the slipped stitch from the **RIGHT** needle to the **LEFT** needle, place marker on **RIGHT** needle and then k2tog, pss0. This last part will now be called the "**end decrease**".

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit around

Round 3: k9, *(Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k7); repeat from * to 1 st before marker. Follow with the end decrease.

Round 5: k7, *(Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k5); repeat from * to 1 st before marker. Follow with the end decrease.

Round 7: k5, *(Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k3); repeat from * to 1 st before marker. Follow with the end decrease.

Round 9: k3, *(Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k1); repeat from * to 1 st before marker. Follow with the end decrease.

You will end with **18 stitches**.

Cut yarn with **8"** tail. Thread a tapestry needle (*removing stitch marker along the way*) and bring through remaining stitches. Pull tightly. Bring tail to inside of hat. Weave in the two yarn ends (at beginning and end of hat) securely.



Block if desired. Wear and enjoy!

Congratulations, you're done! I hope you've enjoyed this pattern and Happy Knitting!

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