

The Riley Hat

Designed by Cheryl Ham

Yarn:

Approx. 60g /140 yds DK weight yarn from Arkansas Yarn Company [100% Superwash Merino; 231 yds per 100g skein]; colorway Hooked On You; 1 skein.

Needles:

1 set US 4 (3.5mm) 16" (40 cm) circular needles for knitting in the round or a longer cable for magic loop, and double pointed needles or magic loop in longer cord for working crown decreases.

Notions:

1 Stitch Marker for marking the beginning of the round as well as 8 additional markers (optional) for crown decreases. Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Gauge:

23 sts and 32 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in 1x1 twisted rib. Circumference approximately 18.5" (47 cm) blocked

Size: One size fits most 20-23" (50-58 cm) head circumference.

Abbreviations

CO - cast on	k2tog - knit 2 stitches together
st(s) - stitch(es)	k3tog - knit 3 stitches together
rnd(s) - round(s)	p2tog - purl 2 stitches together
k - knit	yo - yarn over
p - purl	pm - place marker
k1tbl - knit 1 through back loop	

CO 108 sts using the long tail cast-on method; pm and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

Brim: Work 15 rnds 1x1 twisted rib (k1tbl, p1).

Body: proceed to work rnds 1-12 as indicated below 5 times. *For slouchier hat, add additional repeats of rnds 1-12 until desired length is reached. ***Please note that knitting additional rounds will require additional yarn to complete pattern.**

rnd 1: *k4, p2; repeat from * around.

rnd 2: *k2, yo, k2tog, p2; repeat from * around.

rnds 3-4: repeat rnd 1.

rnd 5: k2, *p2, k4; repeat from * to last 4 sts, p2, k2.
rnd 6: yo, k2tog, *p2, k2, yo, k2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts, p2, k2.
rnd 7-8: repeat rnd 5.
rnd 9: *p2, k4; repeat from * around.
rnd 10: *p2, k2, yo, k2tog; repeat from * around.
rnds 11-12: repeat rnd 9.

Crown Decreases:

Switch to double pointed needles or Magic Loop when there are too few stitches to knit with 16" cable.

rnd 1: *k4, p2; repeat from * around, placing marker every 8 sts. (here and throughout, slip markers as you come to them.)
rnd 2: *[k2, k2tog, p2] twice; repeat from * around. *90 sts remaining.*
rnd 3: *[k3, p2] twice; repeat from * around. *90 sts remaining.*
rnd 4: *[k1, k2tog, p2] twice; repeat from * around. *72 sts remaining.*
rnd 5: *[k2, p2] twice; repeat from * around. *72 sts remaining.*
rnd 6: *[k2, p2tog] twice; repeat from * around. *54 sts remaining.*
rnd 7: *[k2tog, p1] twice; repeat from * around. *36 sts remaining.*
rnd 8: *[k3tog, p1]; repeat from * around. *18 sts remaining.*
rnd 9: *k2tog; repeat from * around, removing markers as you come to them. *9 sts remaining.*

Cut yarn leaving a long tail and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to close. Weave in ends. Block and attach pom pom if desired. Place on head and enjoy!

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