



Messenger Hat

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Use our scrumptious “Mad Hatter” yarn to knit a striped or solid slouchy hat with either a picot edged brim, or simple turned brim.

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Yarn: Wonderland Yarns “Mad Hatter” sport weight, 100% superwash merino (MC) 344 yards/4 oz skein: 1 skein. (CC) 86 yards/ 1 oz skein

Needles & Notions: US size 3 circular needles, 16”; US size 3 double-pointed needles; darning needle, stitch marker

Gauge: 27 sts = 4”

Measurements: hat is designed for a relaxed fit, go down a size if you prefer a snug fit
Small: 16” fits 17-18.5” heads, *Medium:* 18” fits 19-22” heads, *Large:* 20” fits 21.5-23”

With size 3 double-point needles or 16” circular and MC, CO 105 (120, 135) sts. Place marker.

Knit 7 rounds. Choose whether you prefer a basic turned edge, or picot edge.

Picot edge: Work 1 round as follows: (K1, YO, K2tog), repeat to end of round.

Turned edge: Purl 1 round.

Next: Knit 10 rounds. (If you prefer a seamless brim, knit the 9th round together with the cast-on edge.)

Begin stripes: (note: you may wish to use a jogless jog or similar method when switching colors)

Round 1: Work 4 rounds in CC.

Round 2: Work 4 rounds in MC.

Repeat rounds one and two 6 times.

Keep working stripe pattern as established and begin decreasing crown as follows:

Round 1: K13, K2tog, repeat to end. (98, 112, 126 sts)

Round 2 & 4: Knit.

Round 3: K12, K2tog, repeat to end. (91, 104, 117 sts)

Round 5: K11, K2tog, repeat to end. (84, 96, 108 sts) (note: if you prefer a less slouchy hat, begin decreasing every round from this point on, instead of every other round.)

Continue as established until 28 (32, 36) sts remain. Decrease every round, until 7 (8, 9) sts remain. Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitches to bind off. Weave in ends.

Finish brim (if you didn't opt for the seamless brim): Turn brim edge inside at the yarn-over or purl row. Stitch in place.

This hat is equally attractive when knit with a single color. Simply knit the appropriate number of rounds, ignoring the color changes.