



# Slouchy Beret

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**Yarn:** Wonderland Yarns “March Hare” worsted weight yarn, 184 yards/4 oz skein; 100% superwash merino: **1 skein**; samples shown knit in “Eat Me, Drink Me” with detail tie in “Plum Cake” and “Looking Glass” with detail tie in “Barely Sugar” (Use 15 or so yards of a contrast color to add tie at brim.)

**Needles & Notions:** US size 5 and 7 double-point needles (or size necessary to get gauge), darning needle, size F crochet hook

**Gauge:** 20 sts & 27 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

**Sizing:** one size fits most adults

**Abbreviations:** **K / P:** Knit/Purl; **st / sts:** Stitch / Stitches; **K2tog:** knit two together; **PLM:** place marker;

**M1:** Long Tail Thumb Cast on: Wrap the working yarn counter clockwise around your left thumb and pass thumb loop over the RH needle tip (1 st cast on)



With smaller needles, CO 90 sts. Divide between needles and join in the round with care not to twist.

Place marker. Work K3, P2 rib for 12 rows.

Switch to larger needle and increase as follows: \*K3, m1, repeat from \* to end of round. (120 sts)

Work even in stockinette stitch for 5.5 inches .

Decrease as follows:

Round 1: \*K13, K2tog, repeat from \* to end of round. (112 sts)

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: \*K12, K2tog, repeat from \* to end of round. (104 sts)

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: \*K11, K2tog, repeat from \* to end of round. (96 sts)

Round 6: \* K10, K2tog, repeat from \* to end of round. (88 sts)

Continue as established until 8 sts remain. Cut yarn and draw through stitches to bind off. Weave in all ends.

**Brim detail:** With worsted weight (or similar) yarn in contrast color doubled, use size F crochet hook to chain 32”. Weave in ends of chains. Place *center* of chain at top of ribbing and with darning needle and contrasting color yarn create loops to hold in place. Work evenly adding loops on each side of the center of the chain detail, at the top of every other rib column. To create a loose loop, you may find it easier to sew the loop around the chain and the crochet hook laid on top of it, then pulling out the crochet hook when the loop is complete. When you have worked your way to the ends, create a bow and secure with the loops. Take care not to join too tightly.

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