



## East Portland by Shannon Squire

This hat is an homage to East Portland, a place my family has called home for over a decade. It's fun to knit, has lots of texture and visual interest, and plays with color in a delightful way. Texture is the best-ture no matter where you are!



## MATERIALS

**Yarn:** approximately 165 (185, 200) yards DK-weight yarn. I used Knitted Wit DK in Bespeckled Raspberry (dark pink) and Storyteller (lighter pink/yellow). For the optional pompom: approximately 50 yards if you want the same size as mine.

**Needles:** US5/3.75mm (or size to obtain gauge) needles for small-circumference knitting..

**Notions:** Stitch marker, tapestry needle.

## GAUGE

25 sts & 32 rs = 4"/10 cm in garter stitch, measured after blocking.

## SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Small (Medium, Large): 16 (18, 20)"/40 (46, 51) cm circumference (and very stretchy); 8 (8.5, 9)"/20 (22, 23) cm from brim to top.

## ABBREVIATIONS

cdd: centered double decrease. Slip two stitches together from left needle to right needle as if to knit. Knit one stitch from left needle. Pass two slipped stitches back over knit stitch and off the right needle.

k: knit.

k2tog: knit two stitches together as one.

m: marker.

p: purl.

r(s): row(s).

sl: slip, with yarn in back.

st, sts: stitch, stitches.

## PATTERN NOTES

Slip all stitches as if to purl with yarn in back.

The hat is fairly stretchy, because of all that garter stitch. My 6-year old and I have both happily worn the sample hat, which is a size medium.

To pom or not to pom is the ultimate question, in my humble opinion, when it comes to hats. I'm forever torn on pompom usage, but always agree that a removeable pompom is ideal. When attaching a yarn pompom like the one shown, I always tie it on and leave the tails free so I can untie and NOT use it when desired. For the pompom shown on East Portland, I used a Clover pompom maker, medium-ish sized (it's the light green, smaller one in the "Large" pompom maker set, and measures approximately 2.5"/6.5 cm across).

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# Pattern Instructions

Using long-tail or other stretchy cast-on of your choice, cast on 80 (96, 112) sts and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a beginning of round marker.

## BRIM

Work in (k2, p2) ribbing for 1"/2.5 cm.

## HAT BODY

Rs 1&2: (p4, sl1) twice, (p10, sl1, p4, sl1) four (five, six) times, p6.

Rs 3&4: k to end.

Rs 5&6: p3, sl1, p4, sl1, (p10, sl1, p4, sl1) four (five, six) times, p7.

Rs 7&8: k to end.

Work Rs 1-8 until hat measures approximately 6.5 (7, 7.5)"/17 (18, 19) cm, ending after working R6.

## CROWN SHAPING

R1: (k14, k2tog) to end. 75 (90, 105) sts

R2: (k13, k2tog) to end. 70 (84, 98) sts

Rs 3&4: (p4, sl1) twice, (p8, sl1, p4, sl1) four (five, six) times, p4. No change in st count.

R5: (k12, k2tog) to end. 65 (78, 91) sts

R6: (k11, k2tog) to end. 60 (72, 84) sts

Rs 7&8: p3, sl1, p4, sl1, (p6, sl1, p4, sl1) four (five, six) times, p3. No change in st count.

R9: (k10, k2tog) to end. 55 (66, 77) sts

R10: (k9, k2tog) to end. 50 (60, 70) sts

Rs 11&12: (p4, sl1) around. No change in st count.

R13: k1 (k2tog, k3) to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 40 (48, 56) sts

R14: k to end. No change in st count.

Rs 15&16: p2, sl1, (p3, sl1) to last st, p1. No change in st count.

R17: remove beginning-of-round marker, sl last st to beginning of round, replace beginning of round marker, cdd, (k1, cdd) to last st, k1. 20 (24, 28) sts

R18: k to end. No change in st count.

R19: cdd to last 2 (0, 1) around. 6 (8, 9) sts

## THE END

Cut yarn, leaving a 12"/30 cm tail, and pull through remaining stitches on needles three times, using a tapestry needle. Pull to inside of hat and weave ends in. Weave in the rest of your ends, block and wear. Make a big-ass pompom if you wish, and adorn the heck out of your hat. You won't be sorry.

