



The Zig & the Zag

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Zig and zag your way through this fun project. This hat is a little bit slouchy and a lot bit fun to knit. The added bonus is that it's completely reversible - the reverse-stockinette look is the one you are actually knitting. It only uses about 200 yards of a heavy sport to DK-weight yarn, and looks great with a highly variegated skein.



MATERIALS

Yarn: approximately 200 yards DK-weight yarn. I used madelinetosh tosh dk, colorway Filigree (green) and Malabrigo Arroyo, colorway Arco Iris.

Needles: US5/3.75mm needles for small-circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge, and needles for small-circumference knitting in one size smaller.

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle.

GAUGE

22 sts & 28 rows = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch, measured after blocking.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

One size fits most. It's meant to be worn a bit slouchy. Brim circumference: 19" (but super stretchable), height of hat from brim to tip (laid flat): 8".

ABBREVIATIONS

bo: bind off

inc: increase.

k: knit.

k1-tbl: knit one through the back loop.

k2tog: knit two stitches together.

kfb: knit into front and back of stitch.

ln: left-hand needle.

m: marker.

m1lp: Make one purl st, left leaning. Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Purl through the back of the loop to twist it.

m1rp: Make one purl st, right leaning: Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, from back to front. Purl through the front of this loop to twist it.

p: purl.

p2tog: purl two stitches together.

r(s): row(s).

r(s): round(s).

sl: slip stitch.

sm: slip marker.

st, sts: stitch, stitches.

tbl: through the back loop.

PATTERN NOTES

This hat is completely reversible. The photos where the hat is mostly-garter-stitch is the "right" side, and the photos where the hat is mostly stockinette stitch is the "wrong" side. Both are

Pattern Instructions

BRIM

Using smaller needle and cast on of your choice, cast on 108 sts. Join, being careful not to twist and place marker to indicate beginning of round.

Brim Round: (p5, k1-tbl) to end.

Work Brim Round for 2"/5cm.

Switch to larger needles and work the following:

Increase R: (p2, m1rp, p1, m1rp, p2, k1-tbl) to end (36 sts increased; 144 sts total).

THE ZIG ROUND

(p2tog, p5, m1rp, k1-tbl) to end.

Work the Zig Round eight times total.

THE ZAG ROUND

(m1lp, p5, p2tog, k1-tbl) to end.

Work the Zag Round eight times total.

Continue working the body of the hat, alternating between eight rounds of the Zig Round and eight rounds of the Zag round, three times total. Your work should measure approximately 8"/20 cm from cast-on edge. On your final Zag Round, stop before working the final k1-tbl. Instead, slip that st to your right needle, remove existing beginning of round marker, slip that st back to your left needle, and place a new beginning of round marker. Now you are ready to begin working your Crown (next page).

CROWN

Begin crown decreases as follows (crown decreases are given both as a chart and as written directions):

Crown decreases - written

R1: (k2tog tbl, p6) to end.

R2: (k1-tbl, p2tog, p4, m1rp) to end.

R3: (k2tog tbl, p5) to end.

R4: (k1-tbl, p2tog, p3, m1rp) to end.

R5: (k2tog tbl, p4) to end.

R6: (k1-tbl, p2tog, p2, m1rp) to end.

R7: (k2tog tbl, p3) to end.

R8: (k1-tbl, p2tog, p1, m1rp) to end.

R9: (k2tog tbl, p2) to end.

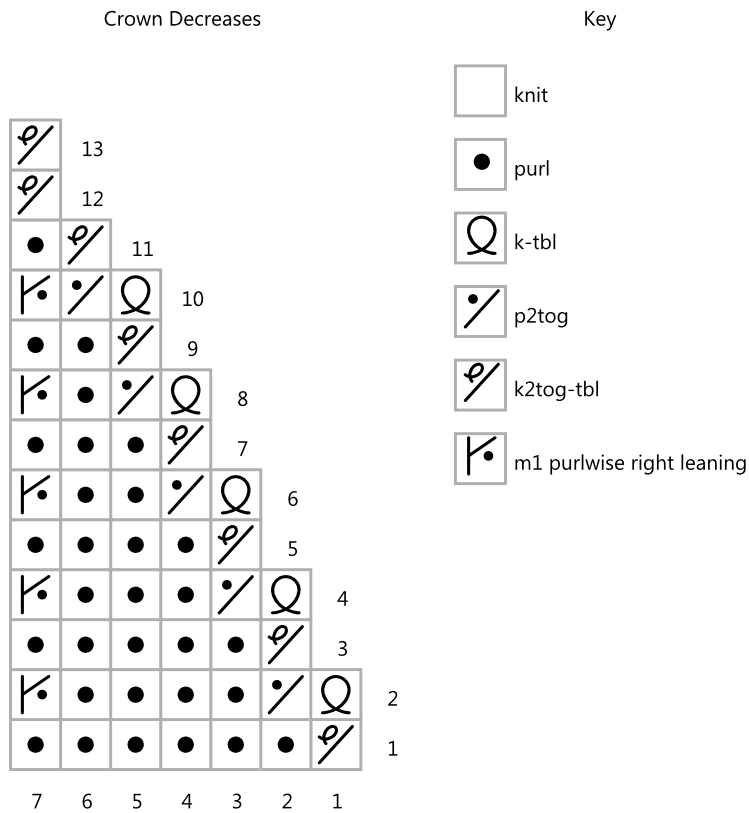
R10: (k1-tbl, p2tog, m1rp) to end.

R11: (k2tog tbl, p1) to end.

R12: (k2tog tbl) to end.

R13: (k2tog tbl) to end.

Crown decreases - charted



Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a 10"/25 cm tail. Weave tail through sts on needle, pull snug, weave in ends. Block lightly. Wear as is on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and wear inside out on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

