



# ShannaJean Birthday Hat

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*This fun ribbed hat is the perfect use for your DK skeins, and with two crown options, you won't be bored, no matter how many you make!*



## MATERIALS

**Yarn:** approximately 120-200 yards/110-183 m DK-weight yarn. I used Knitted Wit DK in Bespeckled Iris.

**Needles:** US6/4 mm needle for smallish-circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge. You can use long DPNs, short circulars (and switch to DPNs at the crown), or long circulars and use the Magic Loop or Two Circular method of circular knitting

**Notions:** Stitch marker for beginning of round, tapestry needle.

## GAUGE

22 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch in the round, measured after blocking.

24 sts = 4"/10cm in 1/1 ribbing in the round, measured after blocking.

## SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Small (medium, large): 15.25 (17.5, 19.75)"/39 (44.5, 50) cm circumference, unstretched (hat easily stretches to fit much larger circumference; that's the magic of ribbing!)

Hats are sized to fit head circumference: 14-16 (16-18, 18-20)"/35-40 \*40-45, 45-50) cm.

## ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit.

k2tog: knit two stitches together as one. (1 stitch decreased)

p: purl.

p2tog: purl two stitches together as one. (1 stitch decreased)

R(s): Row(s).

st(s): stitch(es).

## PATTERN NOTES

There are two crown options given for each size: Pointy and Rounded. Make sure you pay attention to the crown directions and begin your decreases at the proper point for the version you are making.

To more fully embrace the whole party aesthetic, we highly recommend making a pom-pom to pop onto the top of this hat!

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# Pattern Instructions

Using Long Tail Cast On or other stretchy cast on, cast on 72 (84, 96, 108) sts and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist. Place marker to indicate beginning of round if you'd like.

## MAIN HAT BODY

Work in (k1, p1) ribbing until hat measures 6 (6.5, 7, 7.5, 8)"/15 (16.5, 18, 19, 20) cm from cast on edge.

## CROWN SHAPING

If you're making a pointy brimmed hat, start CROWN SHAPING at R1 and work through the whole shaping section. If you're making a rounded brimmed hat, start at R7, R9 or R11, depending on the size you are making and work through the rest of the shaping section.

R1: [(k1, p1) five times, k2tog] to end. 66 (77, 88, 99) sts

R2: [(k1, p1) four times, k1] to end.

R3: [(k1, p1) four times, k1, p2tog] to end. 60 (70, 80, 90) sts

R4: [k1, p1] to end.

R5: [(k1, p1) four times, k2tog] to end. 54 (63, 72, 81) sts

R6: [(k1, p1) four times, k1] to end.

\*\*For rounded brim, Extra Large size, begin here:

R7: [(k1, p1) three times, k1, p2tog] to end. 48 (56, 64, 72) sts

R8: [k1, p1] to end.

\*\*For rounded brim, Small & Large sizes, begin here:

R9: [(k1, p1) three times, k2tog] to end. 42 (49, 56, 63) sts

R10: [(k1, p1) three times, k1] to end.

\*\*For rounded brim, Medium size, begin here:

R11: [(k1, p1) two times, k1, p2tog] to end. 36 (42, 48, 54) sts

R12: [k1, p1] to end.

R13: [(k1, p1) two times, k2tog] to end. 30 (35, 40, 45) sts

R14: [(k1, p1) two times, k1] to end.

R15: [k1, p1, k1, p2tog] to end. 24 (28, 32, 36) sts

R16: [k1, p1] to end.

R17: [k1, p1, k2tog] to end. 18 (21, 24, 27) sts

R18: [k1, p1, k1] to end.

R19: [k1, p2tog] to end. 12 (14, 16, 18) sts

R20: [k1, p1] to end.

R21: [k2tog] to end. 6 (7, 8, 9) sts

## FINISHING

Cut yarn, leaving a decent tail, and pull through remaining stitches on needles, using a tapestry needle. Pull to inside of hat and weave ends in. Weave the rest of your ends in, block and wear. For extra pizzazz, put a pom pom on it!

