



**Skills Needed:**

- \* Knit and purl in the round
- \* Decrease with k2tog
- \* Stretchy cast on
- \* Knit with DPNs

This unisex hat was designed to be a quick project perfect for gifts or charity knitting. The simple textured stitch pattern makes it as comforting to work as it is for the recipient to wear. The original hats were donated to the Afghans for Afghans project and it warms me from the inside out to think of them around the world, providing a little comfort to those who can really use it.  
(<http://www.afghansforafghans.org>)



*Sizing:*

- \* All sizes fit with ~2" (5 cm) negative ease.
- \* Small: 16" (40.5 cm) unstretched circumference, fits children to teenagers.
- \* Medium: 18" (45.5 cm) unstretched circumference, fits average adults.
- \* Large: 20" (51 cm) unstretched circumference, fits larger adults.

*Needles & Notions:*

- \* Size 10 (6.0mm) 16" (40.5 cm) circular needle and DPN's.
- \* One stitch marker.
- \* Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

*Gauge:*

- \* 3.5 sts/inch and 5 rnds/inch in stockinette in the round (14 sts/ 10 cm and 20 rnds/10 cm).

*Yarn:*

- \* ~65-85 yards of bulky weight yarn.
- \* Shown in Malabrigo Yarn Chunky (104 yards/100 grams, 100% Merino wool). Colorways: Mariposa (variegated, size Small) and Bobby Blue (size Medium).
- \* Large size shown in Catalina Yarns Baby Alpaca Chunky (109 yards / 100 grams, 100% alpaca). Colorway: green.

**ABBREVIATION KEY:**

k = knit  
 p = purl  
 st(s) = stitch(es)  
 rnd = round  
 k2tog = knit 2 together  
 ~ = approximately  
 dec. = decrease/decreased  
 rem. = remain/remaining  
 DPNs = double-pointed needles

**NOTES:**

- \* Repeat actions between asterisks (\*) until otherwise indicated, or until the end of the rnd.
- \* Instructions are given for different sizes as follows: Small (Medium, Large).

*Pattern:*

CAST ON 54 (60, 66) stitches using a stretchy cast on and join to knit in the round. I prefer the Twisted German Cast On, a variation of the Long Tail Cast On, for every knitted edge that I want to be extra stretchy. Please see TheKnitWitch's excellent tutorial on YouTube. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the rnd and slip this marker when you come to it. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfFadEumBak>)

**BRIM:**

Rnd 1: \*k3, p3\*

Repeat 10 times until brim is ~2" (~5 cm) long or until desired length.

**HAT BODY: (see chart on page 3)**

Rnds 1-4: knit

Rnd 5: \*p3, k3\*

Rnds 6-9: knit

Rnd 10: \*k3, p3\*

Work the 10 rnds of the HAT BODY pattern a total of 1.5 (2, 2) times, ending on Rnd 5 (10, 10). The hat should be ~5.5" (6.5", 6.5")/14 (16.5, 16.5) cm long, measured from the cast on edge.

**CROWN DECREASES: (6 sts dec. on dec. rnds)**

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: \*k7 (k8, k9), k2tog\*

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: \*k6 (k7, k8), k2tog\*

Rnd 5: knit

Rnd 6: \*k5 (k6, k7), k2tog

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: \*k4 (k5, k6), k2tog \*

Rnd 9: \*k3 (k4, k5), k2tog \*

Rnd 10: \*k2 (k3, k4), k2tog \*



CROWN DECREASES, continued:

- Rnd II: \*k1 (k2, k3), k2tog \*  
 Rnd I2: \*k0 (k1, k2), k2tog 6 (I2, I8) sts rem.  
 Small size: proceed to FINISHING.  
 Rnd I3: \*(k0, k1), k2tog \* (6, I2) sts rem.  
 Medium size: proceed to FINISHING.  
 Rnd I4: \*k2tog \* (6) sts rem.  
 Large size: proceed to FINISHING.

FINISHING:

Cut working yarn and thread it through the remaining 6 sts to close the crown. Weave in yarn ends and enjoy! For questions or comments, I can be reached on Ravelry ("Shoelaceswitcher"), Craftsy ("Shoelaceswitch"), or by e-mail to [alicia@woolendiversions.com](mailto:alicia@woolendiversions.com)

*Hat Body Chart:*

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										9
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□ = knit  
 • = purl

CHART NOTES:

\* Work chart rows from right to left for each rnd.

