

# barley

a modern, funky first hat ♥ by Tin Can Knits



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**sizing:** Baby (Toddler, Child, Adult S, M, L)  
Fits head 16 (17.5, 19, 20.5, 22, 23) inches around

## materials:

- ❓ **Yarn:** 70 (80, 90, 110, 150, 170) yds worsted / aran wt yarn (baby, child, Adult S, and Adult M samples shown in Madelinetosh Tosh Vintage in 'twig', 'winter wheat', 'thoreau' and 'badlands')
- ❓ **Gauge:** 18 sts and 22 rounds / 4" in stockinette stitch  
14 sts and 28 rounds / 4" in garter stitch
- ❓ **Needles:** US #6 / 4mm 16" circular needle,  
US #8 / 5mm 16" circular and double pointed needles (or as req'd to meet gauge)
- Notions:** stitch markers, darning needle



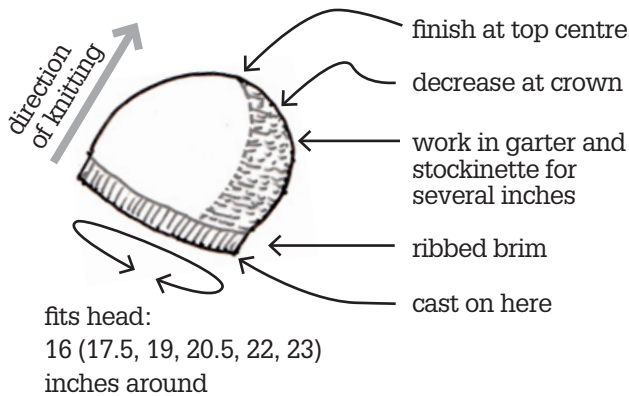
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## barley hat construction:



### ? abbreviations:

k - knit  
k2tog - knit 2 sts together  
p - purl  
p2tog - purl 2 sts together  
PM - place marker  
st(s) - stitch(es)

? **how do I .... ?** Find tutorials on how to knit this hat including cast on, knit, purl, knitting in the round, pattern reading and more at:  
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? **pattern:** This hat is knit in the round from brim to crown. Using smaller needles, cast on 66 (72, 78, 84, 90, 96) sts. PM and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches.

? **Establish Ribbing:** (k1, p1) around

Work in 1x1 ribbing as established for 1 (1, 1, 1.5, 1.5, 2) inches. Change to larger needles.

**Setup Round:** k22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32), PM, knit to end of round (the markers indicate the garter section of the hat)

**Round 1:** purl to marker, knit to end of round

**Round 2:** knit

Repeat rounds 1-2 until piece measures 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 8.5) inches from cast on for a beanie. For a slouchier hat (like the child and adult L) work an additional inch. Then work round 1 once more.

? **decreases:** Switch to double pointed needles when you have too few stitches to work comfortably on circular needles.

? **Setup Round:** [k9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14) k2tog, PM] around (there are now 6 equal sections divided by 6 markers)

**Round 1:** purl to second marker, knit to end (this continues the garter stitch section as set)

**Round 2:** [knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] around

Repeat rounds 1-2 two more times. There are now 42 (48, 54, 60, 66, 72) sts total, which is 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts per section.

? **Next Round:** [purl to 2 sts before marker, p2tog] twice, then [knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] to end

**Next Round:** [knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] around

? Repeat last 2 rounds until 6 sts remain. Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Draw the yarn tail through the remaining live sts and pull to close top of hat. Weave in ends and block your hat.



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**pop blanket**



**antler**



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**vivid**



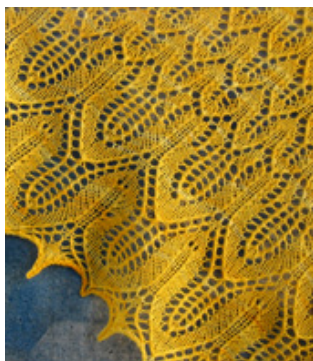
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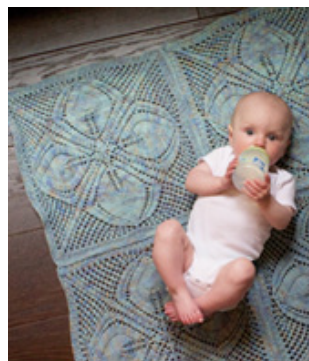
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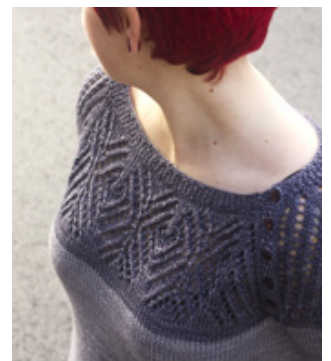
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