

# barley light

a modern, funky first hat ♥ by Tin Can Knits



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Barley Light is the lightweight counterpart to the Barley Hat from [The Simple Collection](#) - a learn to knit series with 11 excellent free patterns and step-by-step tutorials.

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 ravelry :: cast on

**sizing:** baby (toddler, child, **adult SM, adult L**)  
fits head 16 (17.5, 19, **21, 23**)" around

## materials:

- yarn:** 110 (140, 180, **220, 260**) yds 4ply / sock wt yarn  
(samples shown in [The Uncommon Thread BFL Fingering](#) in 'turbillion' and [The Uncommon Thread Uncommon Everyday](#) in 'meadow grass')
- gauge:** 26 sts & 38 rounds / 4" in stockinette on larger needles
- needles:** US #2 / 2.75mm 16" circular needle, US #4 / 3.5mm 16" circular and double pointed needles (or as required to meet gauge)
- notions:** stitch markers, darning needle

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## tutorial:

If this is your first time making a hat, or knitting in the round, check out our in-depth tutorial '[Let's Knit A Hat](#)'.

## pattern:

This hat is knit in the round from brim to crown. Using smaller needles, **cast on** 96 (102, 114, **120**, **126**) sts. PM and **join for working in the round**, being careful not to twist the cast-on.

**Establish ribbing:** [k1, p1] around

Work in **1x1 ribbing** as established for 0.75 (1, 1, **1.25**, **1.5**)". Change to larger needles.

**Set up round:** k32 (34, 38, **40**, **42**), PM, knit to end of round  
Markers now separate the garter stitch and stockinette sections.

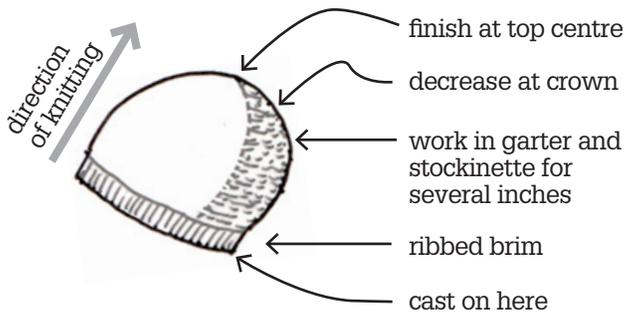
**Round 1:** purl to marker, knit to end of round

**Round 2:** knit

Repeat rounds 1-2 until piece measures 4 (4.5, 5.5, **6**, **6.5**)" from cast-on, measured at the stockinette side of the work. For a slouchier hat, work an additional 1-2" in pattern as established.

Work round 1 once more.

## 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: [www.tincanknits.com/thesimplecollection.html](http://www.tincanknits.com/thesimplecollection.html)

## crown decreases:

**Switch to double pointed needles** when there are too few stitches to work comfortably on circular needles.

**Set up round:** [k14 (15, 17, **18**, **19**), **k2tog**, PM] around [6 sts dec, 90 (96, 108, **114**, **120**) sts]

Markers now separate the work into 6 equal sections.

**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 [6 sts dec]

Work rounds 1-2 a total of 3 (4, 6, **7**, **8**) times. There are now 72 sts total, or 12 sts per section.

**Next Round:** [purl to 2 sts before marker, **p2tog**] twice, then [knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] to end [6 sts dec]

**Next Round:** [knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] around [6 sts dec]

Work last two rounds a total of 5 times, until 12 sts remain.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Removing markers, 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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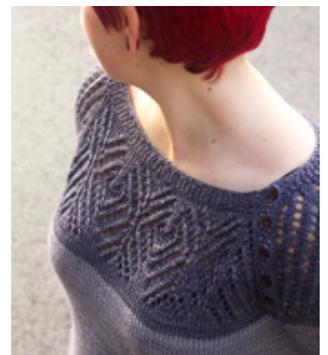
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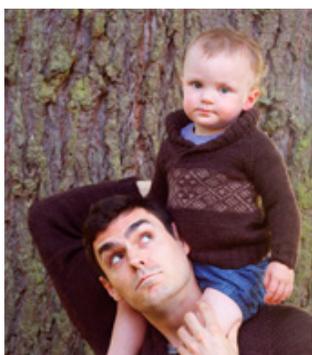
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