

## Stella's Hat

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**Suggested yarn:** 1 skein Malabrigo Merino Worsted

**Needles:** 5mm (us8) 16” circular needle (for body of hat), set of 5 (us8)5mm dpns (for crown decreases)

**Notions:** stitch marker, blunt needle for weaving in ends

This hat is intended to fit most adults. (I made a slightly smaller version by working this exact pattern, using the recommended yarn, but switching to a smaller needle.)

**Gauge:** 16sts and 24rows= 4 inches in main stitch pattern

**Pattern:**

Using the long tail method, cast on 80 stitches. Place marker at beginning of round and join to work in the round.

**Rows 1-10:** Work in garter stitch for 10 rounds (knit one row, purl one row, repeat)

**Rows 11 and 12:** knit all stitches

**Row 13 (begin working in pattern):** k2, p2, repeat to end

**Row 14:** k2, p2, repeat to end

**Row 15:** p2, k2, repeat to end

**Row 16:** p2, k2, repeat to end

Repeat rows 13-16 until piece measures approx. 6” from cast on edge, ending on row 14 or 16.

Knit 1 row

Purl one row

Knit one row.

Begin decreasing for top as follows (switch to dpns or magic loop when there are too few stitches to work comfortably on the 16” circular needle):

**Row 1:** knit 8, k2tog\* repeat to end of row

**Row 2:** knit all stitches

**Row 3:** knit 7, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 4:** knit all stitches

**Row 5:** knit 6, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 6:** knit all stitches

**Row 7:** knit 5, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 8:** knit all stitches

**Row 9:** knit 4, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 10:** knit 3, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 11:** knit 2, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 12:** knit 1, k2tog\* repeat to end

**Row 13:** k2tog to end

**Row 14:** k2tog to end

Break yarn. Using a blunt needle, thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off. Weave in ends. Put your hat on. The end.

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