

TOP-DOWN HAT WITH MAGIC LOOP

CIRCULAR KNITTING (AKA: IN THE ROUND)

Gauge is important, be sure to make a gauge swatch with the yarn you intend to use. Once you know how many stitches per inch you get, you can then calculate the number of stitches you'll need to finish with to achieve your desired circumference if you prefer something different than a Ladies Medium/Men's Small (to fit 22" head; 20.36" actual circumference).

ABBREVIATIONS

PM..... Place Marker(s)
itr in the round
st(s) stitch(es)
tog..... together
k knit

p..... purl
rnd(s) round(s)
cont..... continue
inc..... increase

NEEDLES & YARN

Using **Sirdar, Snuggly DK**, and **US 6 or 7** circular needles in both 47-inch and 16-inch lengths
Use the needle size that gets you to gauge.
Gauge: 5.5 sts/in

OTHER SUPPLIES

Locking stitch markers (bulb safety pins)
Standard stitch marker
Pen & notepad.

Darning needle
Scissors

DIRECTIONS

Rnd 1 Using [Judy's Magic Cast On](#), Cast on 4 sts per needle on the 47" length needles, for a total of 8 sts.

After casting on 4/needle, K 1 rnd (this is **Rnd 2**), begin third rnd, pm in the middle of this side, as it's side 1 and the side where you will change rounds, and colors (optional). **Note:** You may wish to move the marker further up as your work progresses.

After placing your marker, you are ready to begin the inc rnds.

Rnd 3 Inc in each of the 4 sts for a total of 8 sts on the front needle, cont around for a total of 16 sts combined on both needles: 8 sts/needle

Rnd 4 K 1 rnd

Rnd 5 *K1, inc 1* around (12 sts/needle)

Rnd 6 K 1 rnd

Rnd 7 *K2, inc 1* around (16 sts/needle)

Rnd 8 K 1 rnd

Rnd 9 *K3, inc 1* around (20 sts/needle)

Rnd 10 K 1 rnd

Rnd 11 *K4, inc 1* around (24 sts/needle)

Rnd 12 K 1 rnd

Rnd 13 *K5, inc 1* around (28 sts/needle)

Rnd 14 K 1 rnd

Rnd 15 *K6, inc 1* around (32 sts/needle)

Rnd 16 K 1 rnd

Rnd 17 *K7, inc 1* around (36 sts/needle)

Rnd 18 K 1 rnd

Rnd 19 *K8, inc 1* around (40 sts/needle)

Rnd 20 K 1 rnd

Rnd 21 *K9, inc 1* around (44 sts/needle)

Rnd 22 K 1 rnd

Rnd 23 *K10, inc 1* around (48 sts/needle)

Rnd 24 K 1 rnd

Rnd 25 *K11, inc 1* around (52 sts/needle)

Rnd 26 K 1 rnd

Rnd 27 *K12, inc 1* around (56 sts/needle)

Rnd 28 K 1 rnd

Switch over to 16" length needle, be sure to pm at the beg of the rnd, you can remove the earlier marker. This is where I started Color 2, for 1 inch. You can do these as solid colors, stripes, or anything you can imagine, please do not feel limited to the stripes I did.

Knit in pattern until hat measures 9", adding stripes, or not, as you see fit. Once hat reaches 9', begin 2 x 2 ribbing for 2 " until hat measures a total of 11" in length. This allows for a folded brim. If you do not want a folded brim, you can begin your 2x2 ribbing at 8" in length and cont until hat measures a total of 9" long.

Bind off with a stretchy bind off, I used [Jeny's Super Stretchy Bind Off](#), or use a larger needle to bind off with.