

Diamondweave Hat

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Not tight enough to be a beanie, yet not loose enough to be a slouch, Diamondweave Hat delivers highly textured diamonds that float over background purl stitches. As you know, “textured” means you’ll be moving a lot of stitches around, so be prepared. But the payoff is a beautifully patterned hat that has depth and drama.



Materials:

1 skein Malabrigo Worsted weight yarn. I used color 09: Polar Morn. You can also use something close to 210 yards. I have a little left over, even after using my biggest pompom maker for the pompom. Make sure you’re using 100% wool because it’s warm and water-resistant. **Support your local yarn shop!** You can make a quality hat that will last for a decade and you’ll still love it! *And let’s face it, you don’t want to put this much time in a hat made from inferior quality “yarn.”*

16” circular needles sizes (US) 6 and 8, along with **size 8 dpns** for decreasing the top of the hat

Large Tapestry Needle, and a **pompom maker**

Pattern Notes

Skills that you need are: knitting in the round, increasing and decreasing stitches, moving the marker several times per pattern repeat, reading a knitting chart.

K: knit

Ktbl: Knit through the back of the loop

P: purl

M1: make a stitch by looping working yarn like a backwards cursive “e” and slipping onto right needle. Work as regular stitch on next round.

KFB: make a stitch by knitting in the front and then the back.

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together

Sl1-K2tog-ssso: Slip one stitch purlwise, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

SSK: slip two stitches knitwise, one at a time, then knit them together through back of loop

Stitch Gauge: 6.5 stitches per inch (26 stitches = 4”) across the Diamondweave pattern chart. Please check your gauge. *I’m a tight knitter, but you may not be. Save yourself the frustration and wasted time of knitting something that doesn’t fit!*

Row/Round Gauge: not super-important, just make length measurements according to the pattern.

Measurements: Pattern comes in three sizes: Adult Small, Adult Medium, and Adult Large. I knitted that Adult Small. My hat is 9½” tall, and the unstretched circumference is 18½”.



Instructions:

Ribbing: Cast on 102 (108, 114) stitches using your most stretchy cast on. Join in the round, place a marker. Round 1 Ribbing Pattern: *P1, K4, P1* repeat between *s ending with P1. Repeat the Ribbing Pattern Round 9 more times for a total of 10 rounds (1¼”) or your preferred ribbing length.

Increase round: begin using larger needles. *P1, K1, KFB, M1, K2, P1* repeat between *s across the round: 136 (144, 152) stitches.

Hat Body:

Following pattern chart below, knit 17 (18, 19) times per round. After round 6, move your stitch marker back one stitch. After round 8, slide (don't work) the next stitch to the right needle and replace marker. (Just a note here...I often didn't keep track of when I needed to move the stitch marker, but just kept the charted pattern going, moving the marker when it worked with the pattern.)

Pattern Chart:

8	●	●	⌘	⌘	●	●	⌘	⌘	7
	●	●	KL over KR		●	●	KL over KR		
6	⌘	●	●	⌘	⌘	●	●	⌘	
	KR over PL		KL over PR		KR over PL		KL over PR		
4	●	⌘	⌘	●	●	⌘	⌘	●	
	KR over KL		3						
2	●	⌘	⌘	●	●	⌘	⌘	●	
	KL over PR		KR over PL		KL over PR		KR over PL		1

Key to chart:

■	not a stitch
●	purl
⌘	Ktbl

Purl the back stitch in green rectangular boxes; knit the back stitch in white rectangular boxes

KR over PL	Hold right stitch in front, purl next stitch, then knit the held stitch
KL over PR	Hold right stitch in back, knit next stitch, then purl the held stitch
KR over KL	Hold right stitch in front, knit next stitch, knit the held stitch
KL over KR	Hold right stitch in back, knit the next stitch, knit the held stitch

Knit until hat measures 7 (8, 8¼) inches

Decreases for crown:

Begin decreases for crown after knitting a Round 1 of the chart.

Round 1: *P1, Ktbl, Ktbl, P2tog, Ktbl, Ktbl, P1* repeat between *'s across round: 119 (126, 133 Stitches)

Round 2: *P1, KR over KL, P1, KL over KR, P1* repeat between *'s across round.

Round 3: *P1, Ktbl, Ktbl, P1, Ktbl, Ktbl, P1* repeat between *'s across round.

Round 4: *KL over PR, Sl1-k2tog-ssso, KR over PL* repeat between *'s across round *85 (90, 95) stitches*

Round 5: *Ktbl, P1, Ktbl, P1, Ktbl* repeat between *'s across round until 1 stitch remains. Slip the last stitch to right needle, remove the marker, move slipped stitch back to left needle and replace marker.

Round 6: *Ssk, P1, Ktbl, P1* repeat between *'s across round *68 (72, 76) stitches*

Round 7: *Ktbl, P1, Ktbl, P1* repeat between *'s across round

Round 8: *Ktbl, P1, Ssk* repeat between *'s across round, remove the marker, move the next stitch to right needle, replace marker *51 (54, 57) stitches*

Round 9: *P1, Ssk* repeat between *'s across round *34 (36, 38) stitches*

Round 10: *Ssk across the round *17 (18, 19) stitches*

Round 11: *Ssk across round *9 (9, 10) stitches remain*

Secure stitches by pulling yarn tail through the live stitches left on the needles. Pull somewhat tightly to close circle, but don't pull so tightly that you break the yarn! Weave in all ends. Top with a pompom if you choose.

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