

The Rikke Hat

This hat is a combination of my favorite things. It's all garter stitch, is snuggly around my ears and keeps them warm without being too tight, and being slouchy it rests on my head and doesn't press down and give me crazy hat head hair.

Materials:

- US Size 4 (3.5mm) 16" circular needle
- US Size 7 (4.5mm) 24" circular needle
- (optional) US Size 7 (4.5mm) DPN's (I just used my size 7 24" circular to magic loop the top)
- 8 stitch markers, 1 different to indicate beginning of round
- 1 skein of madelinetosh tosh merino DK (or 225 yards of a DK weight yarn in your choice)

Gauge: 22 stitch = 4" in garter stitch on smaller needles

Directions:

- With smaller size needle cast on 104 sts using the German Twist Cast-on Method* and place stitch marker to indicate beginning of round

Brim

- Round 1: Knit round
- Round 2: Purl round
- Repeat rounds 1 and 2 14 more times for a total of 15 garter stitch ridges

Body of Hat

- Change to your larger needles
- Round 1: Knit round
- Round 2: Purl round
- Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until hat measures 9" from cast-on edge ending with a purl round

Crown

- Round 1: (K 13, pm)*, repeat from * seven more times
- Round 2: Purl
- Round 3: (K2tog, K until marker, slip marker)* repeat from * until end of round
- Round 4: Purl round
- Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until 32 sts remain ending with a purl round
- Final Round: (K2tog)* and repeat from * until end of round (16 sts remain).
- Cut yarn and pull through remaining live stitches and pull taut closing the hole. Weave in ends and enjoy!

* youtube has great videos demonstrating this method. It is an extremely stretchy cast-on so do it tightly and it will nicely mimic your first row of garter stitch)