

Simple Cables Hat

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To fit a head of 54-58 cm

The hat is knitted in the round, seamlessly.

Materials:

Yarn

Alize Lana Gold (51% Acrylic, 49% Wool, 262 yards 3.53 oz - 240 m 100 g) - 1 ball

Or other aran-weight yarn to get gauge.

Needles

16 " 40 cm US 6 (4 mm) circular needles or a set of DPNs *

16" 40 cm US 7 (4.5 mm) circular needles and a set of DPNs for the top*

*Or you may use only 32" 80 cm needles for the Magic Loop technique

You may use other needles to get gauge as I tend to knit loosely.

Gauge

16 stitches and 22 rows - 4" (10x10 cm) in stockinette stitch using the larger needles

Also you will need:

A cable needle or one extra DPN for the cables if necessary

One stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Abbreviations

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

ssk - slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip 1 stitch knitwise, return both stitches in their new orientation to your left needle, then knit slipped stitches together through the back loops

M1 - from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle. Knit through the front loop.

5/5 LC - slip 5 stitches to cable needle and hold in front; k5; k5 from cable needle.

5/5 RC - slip 5 stitches to cable needle and hold in back; k5; k5 from cable needle.

4/4 LC - slip 4 stitches to cable needle and hold in front; k4; k4 from cable needle.

3/3 RC - slip 3 stitches to cable needle and hold in back; k3; k3 from cable needle.

2/2 LC - slip 2 stitches to cable needle and hold in front; k2; k2 from cable needle.

THE HAT

Using smaller needles (US 6 /4 mm) cast on 92 stitches. Join to work in the round. Be careful not to twist. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round 1: k2, p2.

This round sets the rib pattern. Repeat this round until the rib measures 2 inches (5 cm).

Knit one round. Change to larger needles (US 7 /4.5 mm).

Increase round:

(k6, M1) - 3 times, k5, M1 - repeat till the end of the round. 16 stitches are increased. 108 stitches are on your needles.

Then follow the chart or knit using written instructions. Knit Rounds 1-12 3 times, then knit Rounds 13-29.

Rounds 1-3: *P3, k15, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 4: *P3, 5/5 LC, k5, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Rounds 5-9: *P3, k15, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 10: *P3, k5, 5/5 RC, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Rounds 11-12: *P3, k15, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Knit Rounds 1-12 2 more times!

Round 13: *P3, k3, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3, repeat from * till the end of the round - 12 stitches are decreased, you have 96 stitches.

Round 14: *P3, 4/4 LC, k5, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 15: *P2, [k2tog, k3] twice, k4, repeat from * till the end of the round - 84 stitches are left.

Rounds 16-17: *P2, k12, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 18: *P2, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, repeat from * till the end of the round - 72 stitches are left.

Round 19: *P2, k10, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Now remove your stitch marker, purl 1 stitch, replace your stitch marker. Your round starts here now.

Round 20: *P1, k3, [k2, ssk] twice, repeat from * till the end of the round - 60 stitches are left.

Round 21: *P1, k3, 3/3 RC, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 22: *P1, k9, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 23: *P1, k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1, repeat from * till the end of the round - 48 stitches are left.

Round 24: *P1, k2, k2tog, k3, repeat from * till the end of the round - 42 stitches are left.

Round 25: *P1, k2, k2tog, k2tog, repeat from * till the end of the round - 30 stitches are left.

Round 26: *P1, 2/2 LC, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 27: *P1, k4, repeat from * till the end of the round.

Round 28: *P1, k2tog, ssk, repeat from * till the end of the round - 18 stitches are left.

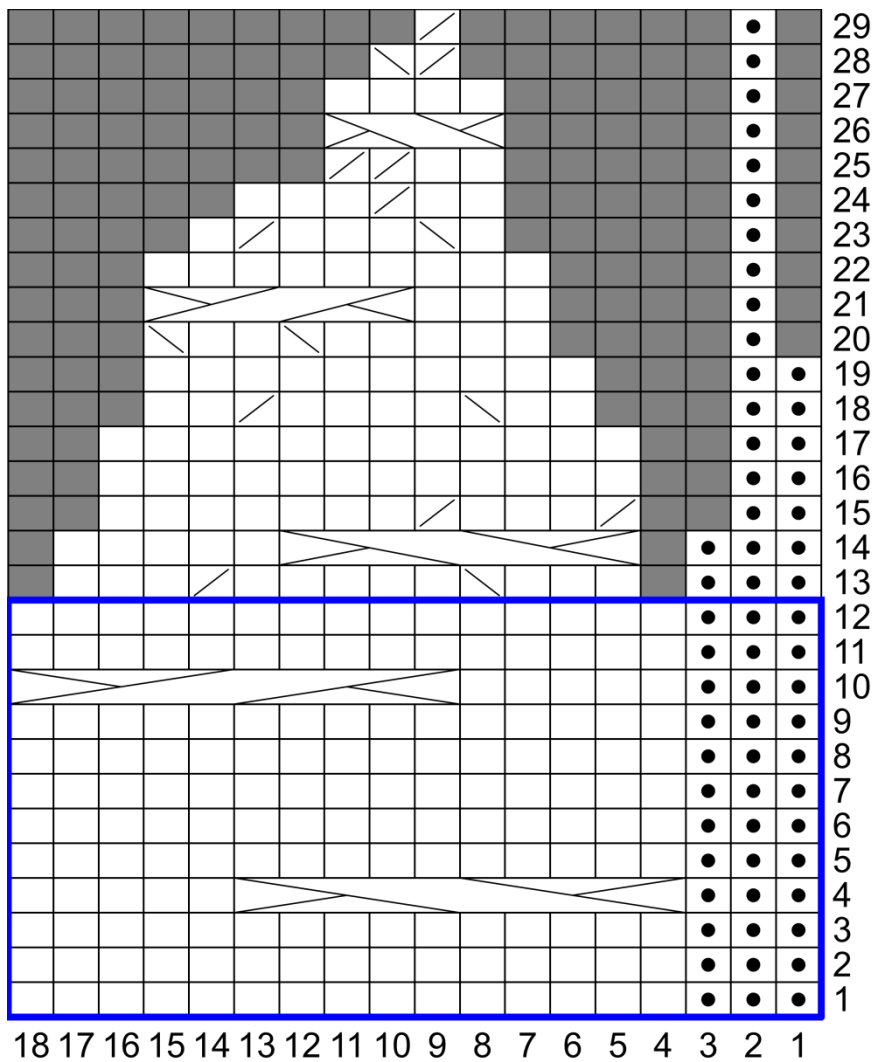
Round 29: *P1, k2tog, repeat from * till the end of the round - 12 stitches are left.

Simple Cables Hat Chart

Knit Rounds 1-12 3 times, then knit Rounds 13-29.

After you knit Round 19: remove your stitch marker, purl 1 stitch, replace your stitch marker.

Your round starts here now.



Stitches

- No stitch
- k
- p
- k2tog
- ssk
- 2/2 LC
- 3/3 RC
- 4/4 LC
- 5/5 RC
- 5/5 LC

Remove the stitch marker. Cut the thread leaving about 17 cm end. Pull the yarn through the remaining 12 stitches and pull tightly. Weave in the ends.

Wet and let dry. If you let it dry flat, turn the hat several times when drying. Or you may use a balloon of a matching size.