

Trouble Dog Design



Azul

Stretchy knit-purl ribbed hat, with alternating cables that disappear at the crown. This hat begins with 8 repeats of a 12-stitch pattern repeat, and requires an even number of reps: if you need to adjust the size, try going up or down a needle size.

Maintain K1P1 rib until the last 2 rounds.

Alternating pattern repeats are crossed in 12-stitch left cables every 8th round, 3 times.

Within the next 8 rounds, the repeat is decreased to 8 stitches, then crossed in an 8-stitch left cable every 8th round, 2 times.

Within the next 8 rounds, the repeat is decreased to 4 stitches, then crossed in a 4-stitch left cable on the 8th round, 1 time.

The repeat is then quickly decreased to 2 stitches, then 1 stitch, and the hat is finished.

Size: to fit 22" head circumference, +/- 1".

Hat measured flat is 18" around bottom edge, and 8" from bottom edge to crown.

Yarn: Malabrigo Merino worsted (100% merino wool; 3.5 oz., 216 yards), just over half a skein

US 9 24" circular needle

US 8 40" circular needle - as the hat circumference decreased, I switched to Magic Looping. Use this method or DPNs as you prefer.

8 stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 20 st and 24 rows in unstretched K1P1 rib on larger needles;
one 12-stitch pattern repeat = 2 1/2"

Stitch Patterns: K1P1 rib
C12F - put 6 stitches on cable needle and hold to front of work, *K1P1* next 6 stitches, then *K1P1* 6 stitches from cable needle
C8F - put 4 stitches on cable needle and hold to front of work, *K1P1* next 4 stitches, then *K1P1* 4 stitches from cable needle
C4F - put 2 stitches on cable needle and hold to front of work, *K1P1* next 2 stitches, then *K1P1* 2 stitches from cable needle
SSK - slip next 2 stitches purlwise one at a time, then insert left needle into fronts of these 2 stitches and knit them together
P2tog - purl next 2 stitches together as one
SSPtbl - slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, return twisted stitches to left needle and purl them together through the back loop
K2tog - knit next 2 stitches together as one

Pattern:

Using size 9 needle, CO 96 stitches, place marker and join to knit in the round. I used the long-tail CO method for a neat edge.

Rounds 1 - 7: *K1P1* rib around; on the first round, you may place markers after every 12 stitches to indicate the pattern repeat.

Round 8 (Cable round): *C12F, (K1P1) 6 times*. You are cabling the first, third, fifth and seventh pattern repeats.

Rounds 9 - 15: *K1P1* rib around.

Round 16 (Cable round): *(K1P1) 6 times, C12F*. You are cabling the second, fourth, sixth and eighth pattern repeats.

Rounds 17 - 24: Repeat rounds 1 - 8.

Rounds 25 - 29: *K1P1* rib around. If you haven't placed markers between each of the 8 pattern repeats, now is a good time to do it.

Round 30 (Decrease round): *(K1P1) 2 times, SSK, P2tog, (K1P1) 2 times*. 2 stitches decreased in each pattern repeat.

Round 31 (Decrease round): *K1P1K1, SSptbl, K2tog, P1K1P1*. 2 stitches decreased in each pattern repeat; each repeat is now 8 stitches, and there are 64 total stitches.

Round 32 (Cable round): *(K1P1) four times, C8F*. You are cabling the second, fourth, sixth and eighth pattern repeats.

Rounds 33 - 39: *K1P1* rib around.

Round 40 (Cable round): *C8F, (K1P1) 4 times*. You are cabling the first, third, fifth and seventh pattern repeats.

Rounds 41 - 45: Switch to size 8 needles and *K1P1* rib around.

Round 46 (Decrease round): *K1P1, SSK, P2tog, K1P1*. 2 stitches decreased in each pattern repeat.

Round 47 (Decrease round): *K1, SSptbl, K2tog, P1*. 2 stitches decreased in each pattern repeat; each repeat is now 4 stitches, and there are 32 total stitches.

Round 48 (Cable round): *(K1P1) twice, C4F*. You are cabling the second, fourth, sixth and eighth pattern repeats.

Round 49: *K1P1* rib around.

Round 50 (Decrease round): *SSK, K2tog* around. 2 stitches decreased in each pattern repeat; each repeat is now 2 stitches, and there are 16 stitches total. Remove all but end of round marker.

Round 51 (Decrease round): *SSK, K2tog* around. There are 8 stitches total.

Cut yarn leaving 6" tail; thread tail through tapestry needle and draw tail through the 8 remaining stitches, removing needle. Pull firmly to close crown of hat; weave in ends.