

The eyelet band hat

A snug hat knitted flat from the brim up and seamed, with a band of eyelets, one contrast stripe and an eight-point crown.

Sizes

Small (Medium, Large). To fit head circumference 46–48 (51–53, 56–58) cm.

Finished circumference 43.5 (47.5, 51) cm; height 19 (21, 23) cm.

Numbers are given for Small, with Medium and Large in brackets. Where only one number is given, it applies to all sizes.

Materials

Yarn: DK weight wool, about 90 (110, 130) m in the main colour (MC) and 10 m in a contrast colour (CC).

Needles: one pair each of 3.5 mm and 4 mm straight needles.

Notions: a yarn needle and a tape measure.

Gauge

22 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm over st st on 4 mm needles, after blocking. Change needle size if needed to get this gauge.

Abbreviations

CC	contrast colour	rep	repeat
cm	centimetres	RS	right side
DK	double knitting, a yarn weight	st(s)	stitch(es)
k	knit	st st	stockinette stitch: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows
k2tog	knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased)	WS	wrong side
m	metres	yo	yarn over: bring the yarn to the front between the needles, so it passes over the right needle as you work the next stitch (1 st increased)
MC	main colour		
mm	millimetres		
p	purl		

Notes

The hat is knitted flat in rows and seamed at the back. Work the chart from the bottom up: read RS (odd-numbered) rows from right to left and WS (even-numbered) rows from left to right.

After the brim, the first and last stitch of every row are edge stitches. Work them in st st; they are taken into the seam.

Brim

With 3.5 mm needles and MC, using the long-tail cast-on, cast on 98 (106, 114) sts. Cast-on isn't counted as a row.

Row 1 (RS): K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 six (seven, eight) more times. 14 (16, 18) rows in all.

Eyelet band

Change to 4 mm needles.

RS rows: K1, work the next chart row 24 (26, 28) times across, k1.

WS rows: P1, work the next chart row 24 (26, 28) times across, p1.

Work Rows 1–8 of the chart once. 98 (106, 114) sts.

Eyelet chart

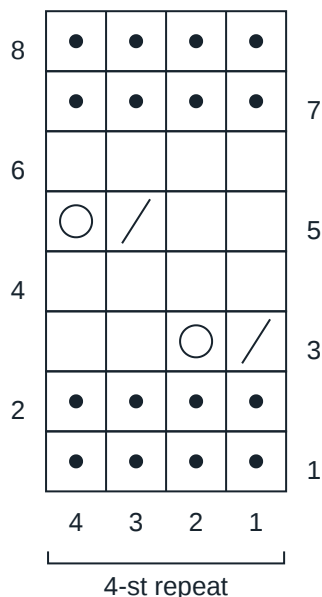
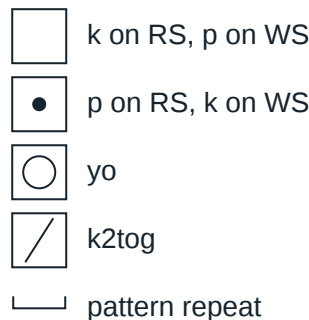


Chart key



Each row number sits where that row begins:
read RS rows (odd numbers) from right to left
and WS rows (even numbers) from left to right.

Body

Beginning with a knit (RS) row, work in st st until the hat measures 12 (13.5, 15) cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a WS row. Measure with the work laid flat, from the cast-on edge to just below the needle.

AT THE SAME TIME, when the hat measures 9 (10, 11) cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a WS row, work a stripe: change to CC and work 4 rows, then change back to MC. Carry MC loosely up the edge while you work the stripe; the seam hides it.

Crown

Row 1 (RS): K1, *k10 (11, 12), k2tog; rep from * 7 more times, k1. 90 (98, 106) sts.

Row 2 and every WS row: Purl.

Row 3: K1, *k9 (10, 11), k2tog; rep from * 7 more times, k1. 82 (90, 98) sts.

Row 5: K1, *k8 (9, 10), k2tog; rep from * 7 more times, k1. 74 (82, 90) sts.

Continue to decrease in this way on every RS row, working 1 st fewer before each k2tog each time, until the row reads K1, *k2tog; rep from * 7 more times, k1. 10 sts. 21 (23, 25) crown rows in all.

Finishing

Cut the yarn, leaving a 100 cm tail. Thread it onto a yarn needle and pass it through the remaining 10 sts as you slip them off the needle. Pull tight to close the crown.

With the same tail and RS facing, join the side edges with mattress stitch, taking in 1 edge st from each side, from the crown down to the cast-on edge.

Weave in all ends on the WS. Wet the hat, gently squeeze out the water and dry it flat.