

# Swirly Slouchy Hat

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Wrap up for the winter in this gorgeously soft alpaca slouchy hat with textured panels that swirl to the crown.

The hat is constructed in one piece, knitted in the round on circular needles.

## **Materials**

1 skein of [Juniper Moon Herriot yarn](#), shade 9  
4.5mm circular needles 60cm length  
3.5mm circular needles 60cm length  
tapestry needle

## **Finished size**

Fits head circumference 20”  
(remember that it will stretch!)

## **Gauge**

21 sts and 28 rows to 10cm on 4.5mm needles

## **Abbreviations**

- K knit  
P purl  
M1 pick up the loop lying between the next two stitches and knit into the back of it to make a new stitch  
SSK slip the first stitch on the left hand needle as if to knit, slip the second stitch on the left hand needle as if to purl, transfer both stitches back to the left hand needle and knit into the back of them as if they were one stitch

## **Pattern**

Cast on 94sts on 3.5mm needles. If you prefer to do so, cast on with straight needles then transfer the stitches to a circular for the first round. If you cast on with a circular, take care not to twist the stitches as you join the round. Place marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

1<sup>st</sup> round: K2, P2 to end

Continue as above until 10 rows have been worked.

Increase row: \*K2, M1\* to end of round (144 sts)

Round 1: \*K24, P24\* to end of round, slip marker

Round 2: P1, \*K24, P24\* to last 23 sts, P23

Round 3: P2, \*K24, P24\* to last 22 sts, P22

Round 4: P3, \*K24, P24\* to last 21 sts, P21

Continue in this way, moving the blocks of 24 sts along by 1 stitch on every round to create the swirling pattern. (Note that the last block of purl stitches of the round will always appear to have one stitch more than the other blocks but this will be rectified each time you reach that block and work 1 knit stitch into the beginning of the block.) Continue until hat measures 20cm from cast on edge, working past the stitch marker to the end of the purl section which has the extra stitch.

Decrease for crown:

Keeping pattern correct, [SSK, K to last 2 sts of section, SSK, K1] in knit sections and [P2tog, P to last 2 sts of section, P2tog, P1] in purl sections to create the crown. Work these decreases into every round until 12 sts remain.



Finishing off:

Cut yarn, leaving an end long enough to thread through the 12 remaining stitches. Pull tightly and fasten off securely.



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