

# Mighty Warrior (Viking Horns)

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A quick knit that can be added to any ordinary hat to transform it into something extraordinarily mighty!



## skill level

intermediate: short rows, worked in the round

## yarn

DK weight. Shown in Knit Picks Swish DK.

## needles

Size 5 US (3.75 mm): 2 circulars, dpn's, or magic loop – whatever your favourite technique is for knitting in the round

## gauge

pretty unimportant in this case

## notions

Fibre fill, yarn darning, scissors, stitch marker

## pattern

Make two:

**Cast on** 26 sts, leaving a long tail (about 12") for sewing the horn to the hat later. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place marker at beg of round.

Knit 7 rounds.

**Round 8:** k1, ssk, k8, M1R, k4, M1L, k8, k2tog, k1.

**Round 9:** knit.

**Repeat Rounds 8&9** two more times.

### Start short rows:

A: k1, ssk, k1, w&t

B: p6, w&t

C: k2tog, k2, ssk, cw, w&t

D: p5, cw, w&t

Repeat C&D until 9 sts remain.

E: k2tog, k1

Now you're back at the beginning of the round, and 8 sts remain.

Ssk, k2tog, ssk, s2tog. (4 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a 4" tail. Thread through stitches remaining on needles, pull tight, and sew in end.

Stuff horn firmly with fibre fill, making sure it's a nice shape. Using the long tail from the cast on, carefully sew the horn to the hat of your choice. I use a whip stitch to attach mine, being careful to sew each cast-on stitch to the stitch directly below it on the hat, without pulling it out of shape.

## glossary

**k** Knit

**p** Purl

**k2tog** Knit two together. (Knit the next two stitches as if they are one. One stitch is decreased.)

**Rep** Repeat the sequence from the beginning to the star until you reach the end of the round.

**Sts** Stitches

**dpn** Double-pointed needles, either a set of four or five. Your preference.

**M1R** Make one Right. Insert left needle tip from back to front in running stitch (the horizontal piece of yarn between the two sts on the needles); insert right needle tip knitwise into the front of the picked up running st and knit it. It's a little tricky to get your right needle tip in there, but if you loosen the picked up st slightly by moving it to the tip of the left needle, it's possible.

**M1L** Make one Left. Insert left needle tip from front to back in running stitch (the horizontal piece of yarn between the two sts on the needles); knit into the back leg of the st. Again, it's tricky to knit into the back leg because the stitch will be tight; I start with the tip of my right needle in the front of the stitch, then slide it, still inside the st, up and over the left needle tip and down to the back, where I can knit it more easily.

**w&t** Wrap and Turn. The best way I've found to do this is Cat Bordhi's concealed wrap and turn. You can watch her tutorial video on YouTube at

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yVikAvPuE4)

[v=\\_yVikAvPuE4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yVikAvPuE4) for part 1, and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFrVqx-iN7k&feature=related> for part 2.

**cw** Conceal Wrap. This is the part where you lift up the wrapped stitch and knit it together with the st it was wrapped around. Again, watch Cat Bordhi's videos for the best way I've found to really conceal wraps.

### note

The beautiful hat shown here attached to the horns is an adaptation of Kate Oates' Cheery Scrap Cap pattern. You can find details of my adaptations at

[www.aknitica.wordpress.com](http://www.aknitica.wordpress.com), and you can

find the original pattern at Petite Purls, [http://petitepurls.com/Winter09/winter2009\\_pcheery.html](http://petitepurls.com/Winter09/winter2009_pcheery.html)



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I'm happy to answer any and all questions about the pattern. :)