

Circle Takes the Square

A Splendor Design



Circle Takes the Square is a basic striped beanie with squares framed and created by its raglan decreases. You can easily switch up the look of the hat with your color choice. It can be collegiate, hip, goth, or mod—the power is *yours!*

In striped knitting in the round (like this hat), I recommend carrying the yarn along the inside of the work (both for the sake of reducing the finishing work to be done and for ‘yarn economy’) and working the [jogless stripes](#) technique at the color change. It’s super-easy and incredibly effective in hiding the “hiccup” that can occur when switching color. The doubled decreases are worked side-by-side and create a “seam” that really pops and brings structure to the hat.



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The pattern is written for sizes S (M, L) to fit a head approx 20” (22”, 24”) in circumference. The Medium is probably what would work for most adults.

Gauge:

18 sts and 24 rows/4” in st st on larger needles. For the ribbing, use a needle 2 sizes smaller than the one you use to get this gauge in st st. This will create a more uniform knit-stitch size between the ribbing and the stockinette stitch

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in 2 colors, approx 80g of each. I used Cascade 220 in Jet (MC) and Ruby (CC).
(You can use any worsted weight yarn that will get you the gauge noted above.)
- US 7 circular needle and/or DPNs and US 5 circular needle and/or DPNs OR the size *you* need to get gauge!
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Make It!

With smaller needles, CO 88 (96, 104) sts in MC and PM. Join to work in the round.

Rows 1-7: K1, [p2, k2] to last st. K last st.

Row 8: Switch to larger needle, K all sts

Row 9-15: twisting yarns at join, switch to CC and k all sts. Don’t forget to work jogless stripes on the first stitch of the 2nd row in CC (7 rows total in CC).

Row 16: Switch to MC and knit as rows 9-15. Switch colors every 7 rows until hat measures approx 3” (3.5”, 4”) from CO edge*. On last

round, [K 22 (24, 26) sts and PM], repeat for all sts on this round. Next round: begin *decrease rows*.

Be the Boss! As written, the hat should just barely cover the top of the wearer's ears. This is how I like to wear my beanies, but if you'd like your beanie to cover the wearer's ears, then add about 1.5" of length. Continue striping until hat measures 4.5" (5", 5.5") from CO edge.

Decrease rows:

[Ssk, k 18 (20, 22) sts, k2tog], repeat around. 80 (88, 96) sts remaining.

Next round: k all sts.

So you'll be working the decreases in this manner: k2tog on the *right* side of the stitch marker, and SSK on the *left* side of the stitch marker, then knitting all stitches on one row in between decrease rows (line-by-line directions below). Remember to change colors every 7 rows. It becomes really fiddly to work the jogless stripe for color changes once you start decreasing, but give it a go if you feel adventurous! Continue this way until you end up w/16 sts after decreasing, then work *finishing*.

Decrease line-by-line:

After working first decrease round and k all sts on the next round (as indicated above):

[Ssk, k 16 (18, 20) sts, k2tog], repeat around 72 (80, 88) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 14 (16, 18) sts, k2tog], repeat around 64 (72, 80) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 12 (14, 16) sts, k2tog], repeat around 56 (64, 72) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 10 (12, 14) sts, k2tog], repeat around 48 (56, 64) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 8 (10, 12) sts, k2tog], repeat around 40 (48, 56) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 6 (8, 10) sts, k2tog], repeat around 32 (40, 48) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 4 (6, 8) sts, k2tog], repeat around 24 (32, 40) sts, Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k 2 (4, 6) sts, k2tog], repeat around 16 (24, 32) sts, For the Small size, break yarn and finish according to directions below, for other sizes: Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k -- (2, 6) sts, k2tog], repeat around -- (16, 24) sts, For the Med. size, break yarn and finish according to directions below, for Large size :Next round: k all sts.

[Ssk, k -- (--, 4) sts, k2tog], repeat around -- (--, 16) sts, finish as noted below.

Finishing:

break yarn, leaving a tail approx. 10" long. With a tapestry needle, thread this yarn through all remaining sts and pull closed. Weave in ends, place on head, rock the block w/your fancy new hat!



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