

Laugh Out Loud

Laugh Out Loud; a rib and cable folded brim hat, (complete with a bobble if you do so please!), knitted flat and seamed.

LOL uses a cable pattern called “Ladder of Life” (hence calling the hat “LOL”, same letters) from The Stitch Collection by Debbie O’Neil, ISBN 978-1-60059-391-8.



I knitted it flat simply because I just don't have enough double pointed needles at my disposal!

Any comments, critiques, improvements, or issues with this pattern please don't hesitate to contact me via my Ravelry account (I check it most days); [Kitty Lincon](#), I'm always learning and looking to improve!



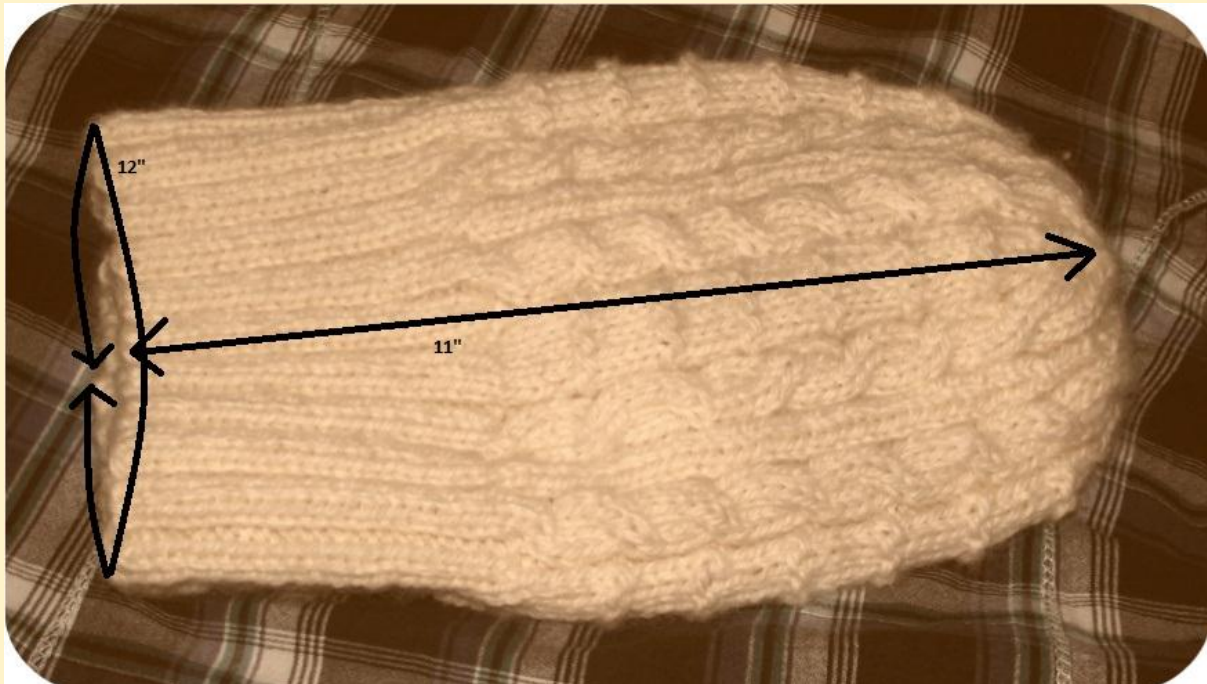
Notions

- 4mm long, straight needles
- 4.5mm long, straight needles
- Bulky yarn – I used Alina by Zettl (a brand sold in Lidl) in a white/cream colour, bulky 2-ply and 100% wool, 55m per 50g. It's not the best as it does shed, but it is soft! Approximately 115m used (excluding the bobble). But any bulky weight yarn will do!
- Cable needle
- Tape measure
- Darning needle

Gage

4 Sts and 6 rows in 2x2 (stretched) rib over an inch

Un-stretched the hat measures approximately; 12" around the brim (unfolded) and from top to brim just under 11".



It fits both I (female) and my partners (male) heads comfortably.

Abbreviations

- K = knit
- P = Purl
- CO = Cast on
- St/s = stitche/s
- WS/RS = Wrong side/Right side
- CF4 = Slip 2 sts on to cable needle and hold in front, K2, k2 from cable needle
- CB4 = Slip 2 sts on to cable needle and hold in back, K2, k2 from cable needle
- M1 = make one sts
- K/P2tog = knit or purl 2 stitches together
- P3tog = purl 3 stitches together



Pattern

CO **88 Sts** using a stretchy cast on method on **4mm** long needles , I used the “backwards E” method as it’s one I know best, but as long as it lets the knit stretch it doesn’t matter which you use.

Brim

Row1: Slip P-wise, K1, *P2, K2, till last 2 sts, P2

Row 2: Slip K-wise, P1, *K2, P2, till last 2 sts, K2

Continue for 4 inches.

Change to 4.5mm long needles:

Increased stitches

K4, *K5, M1, till last 4 Sts K4 (increased 16 sts to 104sts)

Main body of hat

Row 1(WS), 3, 5: slip K-wise, P2, * K2, P2, K2, P4, K2, P5, K2, P4 till last 9 sts, K2, P2, K2, P3

Row 2: Slip P-wise, K2, *P2, K2, P2, CF4, P2, K5, P2, CB4, till last 9 sts, P2, K2, P2, K3

Row 4: Slip P-wise, K2, *P2, K2, P2, K4, P2, K5, P2, K4, till last 9 sts, P2, K2, P2, K3

Row 6: Slip P-wise, K2, *P2, K2, P2, K4, P9, K4, till last 9 sts, P2, K2, P2, K3

Continue for approximately 9.5 inches from brim, ending with row 1 (that should be 5 full pattern repeats plus 1 row).

Crown shaping

Row 1: Slip P-wise, K2tog, P2, * K2tog, P2, CF4, P2, K1, k2tog, K2, P2, CB4, P2, till last 7 Sts K2tog, P2, K2tog, K1

Row 2 and all WS rows: K the K sts and P the P remembering to slip the 1st stitch K-wise

Row 3: Slip P-wise, K2tog twice, * P2, k4, P2, K2tog twice, P2, K4, P2, K1, till last 5 Sts (ending at P2) K2tog twice, K1

Row 5: Slip P-wise, K2 *P2tog, K4, P2tog, K2, P2tog, K4, P2tog, K1, till last 3 Sts (ending at P2tog) K3

Row 7: Slip P-wise, K2tog, P1, *CF4, P1, K2tog, P1, CB4, P3tog, till last 4 Sts (ending at CB4) P1, K2tog, K1

Row 9: K2tog,* P1, K4, P3tog, K4, till last 3 Sts, P1, K2tog

Row 10: *P2tog till last Sts P1

Row 11: *K2tog till end

Row 12: P1, *P2tog till end

Cut yarn leaving a long tail (for sewing up the side) and thread through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Sew up the sides of your hat using the long tail of yarn and the slipped end stitches. And thread in any lose bits of yarn.

Now comes the hard part!

To bobble, or not to bobble?

To make you bobble you will need:

- A compass (it was amazing how much of a pain it was locating one of these in the house, once you leave school, they seem to disappear!)
- Card. The card from a cereal box will be fine.
- Pencil
- Scissors
- The same yarn you used for the hat, not too much is needed.



To construct your bobble

Using the card and compass, draw a circle 6.5cm in diameter. Inside that, at the centre draw another circle 1.5 cm in diameter cut them out to make a ring, do this twice.



Hold the two rings together; thread the yarn evenly around the rings. Continue doing so in this manor until the centre hole is filled (use a darning needle if you have to)

When that is done, cur around the circles edge, in-between the two card discs.

Tie a length of yarn securely around the bobble between the two discs, leaving a length free to attach it to the hat.

Remove the card and tidy up your now finished

bobble!

Attach the bobble to the hat using the length of free yarn and voila! Your LOL Bobble Hat is now complete!

Give credit where credit is due! Use this pattern to your heart's content. Make them, sell them, and pass them on. Just please do not copy on the photos and credit me to the pattern and show me you finished results!

A thanks to my partner Ken for posing for me <3

