



A quick and easy garter stitch hat, Eldora is perfect for showing off variegated yarn. This reversible hipster beanie is cast on provisionally and knit sideways with easy short row shaping to form the crown, then the first and last rows are grafted together for a seamless finish.

Techniques & Skills Used: provisional CO, knit, short rows, grafting; this pattern includes a link is to my short rows tutorial, and grafting instructions.

Size: Child (Adult); 19" circumference and 7.75 (8.5)" height; the stretchy garter stitch and single ply wool will accommodate many head sizes.

Yarn: Malabrigo Yarn Merino Worsted (100% merino wool; 210 yards/100g), shown in Deja Vu; 1 skein, or approximately 100 (110) yards of worsted weight yarn.

Other Materials: US 9 (5.5mm) 16" circular needle or straight needle, or size to match gauge; Spare US 9 needle for grafting stitches; Scrap yarn for provisional CO; Yarn needle.

Gauge: 16 st and 32 rows/4" in garter stitch, after gentle blocking. Row gauge determines hat circumference in this sideways knit.

Designer's Notes:

Eldora is shaped with seven 20-row short row wedges, worked side-to-side; the garter stitch stretches to fit a wide range of head sizes from 20-23", but more stitches are cast on for the adult size to create a taller crown.

My short row tutorial can be found at www.jenniferdassau.com/category/tutorials/

There is no need to pick up the short row wraps, as they disappear into the garter stitch.

**Stitches & Abbreviations:**

CO: cast on.

K: knit.

RS: right side of work.

st: stitch(es).

w&t: wrap and turn - see pattern sidebar.

WS: wrong side of work.

Pattern

Using provisional method, CO 31 (34) st.

Short Row shaping:

Row 1 (and every WS row): knit to end.

Row 2 (RS): knit to last 2 st, w&t.

Rows 4, 6, 8 & 10: knit to 1 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

Rows 12 & 14: knit to 2 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

Rows 16 & 18: knit to 3 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

Row 20: knit to end.

Work these 20 rows, 6 more times, ending with Row 19 on the last repeat.

Cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail for grafting.

Graft Hat Body:

Place provisionally CO st on spare needle, and hold work with WS facing together, and needles parallel with final row of stitches in front, and CO stitches behind. Graft all st using yarn tail as follows:

Setup: Insert needle through first st on front needle purlwise, then through first stitch on back needle purlwise.

Front needle: insert needle through first st knitwise and drop it off needle, then through next st purlwise, leaving st on needle.

Back needle: insert needle through first st knitwise and drop it off needle, then through next st purlwise, leaving it on needle.

Repeat front and back needle steps until all st are grafted.

Use yarn tail to close up the tiny hole at crown if necessary.

Finishing:

Weave in ends neatly, and the hat is reversible!

Gentle steam blocking is optional but not necessary for this garter stitch beanie.

Any provisional CO method may be used, I like the invisible provisional one.

w&t: wrap and turn stitch - slip st purlwise to right needle. Move yarn to front, slip st back to left needle, turn work. There is no need to work the wrapped stitch together with its wrap on next row as the wraps are hidden in the garter stitch texture.



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