

Sonora Hat

This super simple hat makes a great beginner project! Using knit and purl stitches means that it is not complicated. I absolutely loved the soft night sky and earthy tones of the Malabrigo Rios Cielo y Terra, but you can use any worsted weight yarn and achieve great results. The hat can easily be completed in a weekend or less. Enjoy the soft, squishy texture of the brim, and the ease of the hat shaping!



Materials:

US size 7 circular needles (16")

US size 7 double pointed needles (set of 5)

210 yards worsted weight yarn (I used Malabrigo Rios in the colorway Cielo y Terra)

Scissors

Tapestry needle

10 stitch markers

Gauge: Although not critical, you should get 4 1/2 stitches per inch and 6 rows per inch in stockinette stitch to achieve the same dimensions as my hat.

Finished hat will have a 16" diameter and be 8 inches from brim to top, not counting pom pom.

The hat will fit most adult heads.

Abbreviations:

k	=	knit
p	=	purl
K2Tog	=	knit two together
st	=	stitch
sts	=	stitches
pm	=	place stitch marker

Pattern:

Cast 61 stitches onto the circular needles. Making sure your stitches are not twisted, use this special tip for joining in the round: Slip the first stitch on your left needle onto the right needle. Pass the second stitch on your right needle over the first stitch on the right needle and let it go, as if you were binding off. Slip the first stitch on the right needle back to the left needle. Carefully tighten the yarn from the ball and the tail to make that slipped stitch completely disappear. REALLY tighten it so that your join is invisible. You are ready to begin!

Place a stitch marker on your right needle, and begin the pattern.

K1, p1 for the entire round until you get to your marker. That is one round. Repeat this ribbing (the k1, p1) for a total of 15 rounds, or until your brim is approximately 2 1/2 inches tall.

For the next 20 rows, all stitches are knit. At this point, your hat should measure 6 inches from the brim to the top.

On row 21, k 6 sts, pm, k6, pm until you have placed 9 markers. This means you have 10 sections of 6 sts.

Row 22: k4, K2Tog all the way around. You are going from 60 sts to 50 sts.

Row 22: k all sts.

Row 23: K3, K2Tog all the way around. 40 sts.

Row 24: k all sts, removing place markers on the way.

Row 25: Distribute 10 sts to each of 4 of your DPNs.

Row 29: K2tog all the way around. 20 sts.

Row 30: k all sts.

Row 31: K2Tog, K2Tog, k1 to end of round. 12 sts.

Row 32: K2Tog, k1 to end of round. 6 sts.

Cut a 15" tail and thread your tapestry needle with that tail. Thread the tail through the last 6 sts two times, removing the DPNs. Cinch the 6 sts together tightly and thread the tail from the outside of the hat through the center and into the inside of the hat. Weave the tail in so that it does not show on the outside.

You are done!

If you wish, you can make a pom pom from any remaining yarn and attach it with longer tails into the center of the hat and weave those ends in as well.

Enjoy your work of art and stay warm! :)