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Northmoor Watchcaps



This basic hat in 2 x 2 rib is very stretchy so will fit a large range of sizes; it offers a choice of a plain ribbed or a double-sided cable fold-over brim. Having the cable ribbing double-sided gives the wearer the option of not folding the brim over and wearing this hat with a touch of 'slouch'.

SIZE

To fit 17 – 24" / 43 – 61cm head

YARN

255yds / 234m Aran-weight yarn

(Samples knit in 100% merino superwash wool; 85yds / 78m per 50g)

GAUGE

19 sts and 25 rows over 4" / 10cm in Stocking stitch, blocked

NEEDLES

4mm / US6 circular needle 16" / 40 cm and a set of 4 DPNs

NOTIONS

Stitch marker; yarn needles

PATTERN NOTES**Method**

Knit in the round, from the bottom up.

Needle Notes

While these pattern instructions combine the use of a short circular needle and a set of DPN, for knitting hats in the round, a variety of methods may be used:

- set of 4 or 5 DPN **or**
- circular needle 16" / 40cm with set of DPNs to work the crown shaping **or**
- two circulars 16" / 40cm or longer for [Two Circulars Method](#) **or**
- one circular 32" / 81cm or longer for [Travelling Loop](#) or [Magic Loop](#)

Abbreviations

DPN	double pointed needle
EoR	end of round
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
LN	Left Needle
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
R	row / round
rep	repeat
RN	Right Needle
RS	Right Side
ssk	[slip 1 knitwise] twice, slip 2 to LN and knit those two sts together through the back of the loops
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	Wrong Side

DIRECTIONS

Designer Note: For these hats, I like to use the Estonian Cast On – see the [picture tutorial here on our Shifting Stitches blog](#).

FOR BOTH MODELS:

Using a stretchy Cast On of your choice and circular needle, CO 120 sts.

Place an End of Round (EoR) marker. Join in the round being careful that the cast on stitches are not twisted.

Plain Rib Brim Version

R1: * K2, p2; rep from * to EoR.

Repeat R1 until work measures 10" / 25.5cm from beginning. On last round, stop 1 stitch before the EoR marker. Move the EoR marker by slipping 1 stitch to the RN, removing the EoR marker, slipping 1 stitch to the LN and replacing the EoR marker on RN.

Proceed to *Crown Shaping*.

Double-sided Cable Brim Version

R1: * K2, p2; rep from * to end of round.

R2: Rep R1.

R3: * K2tog but keep sts on LN, knit first st again, slip both original sts off LN; p2tog but keep sts on LN, purl first st again, slip both original sts off LN; rep from * to EoR.

R4: Rep R1.

Rep R1 – 4 three (3) more times.

Rep R1 until work measures 10" / 25.5cm from beginning. On last round, stop 1 stitch before the EoR marker. Move the EoR marker by slipping 1 stitch to the RN, removing the EoR marker, slipping 1 stitch to the LN and replacing the EoR marker on RN.

Proceed to *Crown Shaping*.

Crown Shaping (both versions)

Switch to DPN when the stitches will no longer fit around the circular needle comfortably.

R1: [P1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1] 6 times. (108 sts)

R2: [P1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1] 6 times.

R3: [P1, k2, p2, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, p2, k2, p1] 6 times. (96 sts)

R4: [P1, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p1] 6 times.

R5: [P1, k2, p2, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, p2, k2, p1] 6 times. (84 sts)

R6: [P1, k2, p2, k4, p2, k2, p1] 6 times.

R7: [P1, k2, p2, k2tog, ssk, p2, k2, p1] 6 times. (72 sts)

R8: [P1, k2, (p2, k2) twice, p1] 6 times.

R9: [P1, k2, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, k2, p1] 6 times. (60 sts)

R10: [P1, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, p1] 6 times. (48 sts)

R11: [P1, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, p1] 6 times. (36 sts)


R12: [P1, k2tog, ssk, p1] 6 times. (24 sts)

R13: [K2tog, ssk] 6 times. (12 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 6" / 15cm tail.

Using the yarn needle, thread yarn tail through remaining loops and pull tight to close up the stitches. Move yarn tail to WS.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 

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