



Noro Ribbed Hat

The directions here are for a 23" circumference hat. Notes after the pattern are provided for sizing to your own measurements.

Finished Measurements:

Hat Circumference (unstretched): 23 inches

Hat Height: 8 inches (9 inches if measured from center to edge along contour of head)

Materials:

2 balls Noro Silk Garden or Kureyon in different colors

Recommended needle size:

1 set US #6/4.0mm double-pointed needles

1 set 16-inch US #6/4.00mm circular needles

Or needles to get the appropriate gauge.

Gauge:

25 st/31 rows = 4 inches in unstretched K1, P1 ribbing (there will be 13 knit stitches on top and 12 purl stitches, which you can't see).

Directions:

Using circular needle, CO 141 st. Slip last cast-on st to left-hand needle and place marker to mark beginning of the round. K2tog, *P1, K1* until end of round. You will end with a purl.

Note: I used long-tail cast on, but think that tubular cast on would work well here. If you want to use the tubular, remember to use a needle one to two times larger so that you get a nice loose cast on edge as you're making 70 st into 140.

Instructions for a tubular cast on can be found at <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall05/FEATfall05TT.html>.

Round 2: *K1, P1* around.

Body of hat:

Repeat the following until the hat reaches the desired depth (approx. 5 ½ inches for a hat with no brim, approx. 7 ½ to 8 for a folded brim): Switch to other color. *K1, P1* for two rounds.

Top of hat: (approx. 3 ½ inches)

K1, P1 9 times, SSK. Repeat 7 times to reach the end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (133 st)

K1, P1 8 times, SSK, K1. Repeat 7 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (126 st)

K1, P1 7 times, SSK, K1, K2tog. [P1, *K1, P1* 6 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Last K2tog will incorporate first stitch of next round. If you would normally switch yarns with that stitch, switch yarns before doing the final K2tog. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (112 st)

K1, P1 6 times, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, *K1, P1* 5 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (98 st)

K1, P1 5 times, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, *K1, P1* 4 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (84 st)

Note: Switch to DPNs when it is no longer comfortable to use the circular needles.

K1, P1 4 times, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, *K1, P1* 3 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (70 st)

K1, P1 3 times, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, *K1, P1* 2 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (56 st)

K1, P1 2 times, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, K1, P1, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (42 st)

K1, P1, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for **one** round, switching yarn where appropriate. (28 st)

K1, *K2tog* until end of round. Knit one round, switching yarn where appropriate. (14 st)

K1, *K2tog* until end of round. Knit one round, switching yarn where appropriate. (7 st)

Break yarn, thread through live stitches, remove needles, and pull stitches tight. Weave in ends. Block if wished.

Notes:

Repeats: Stitches between asterisks (for example: *K1, P1* 4 times), should be repeated the number of times given. Stitches outside of the asterisks should only be knit once. For those places which have a repeat of a smaller pattern within a larger pattern, the smaller pattern uses asterisks and the larger pattern uses brackets. For example: [P1, *K1, P1* 4 times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat 6 times. This means, "Repeat the following stitches 6 times: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, SSK, K1, K2tog."

Switching yarn: To switch yarn, drop your working yarn (I put it through the middle of the hat to get it out of the way, and bring forward the second yarn. Knit the first two or so stitches firmly, but not so tightly that the hat deforms. You only want to make sure you don't have holes.

Knitting to your own measurements: Knit a gauge swatch in K1, P1 ribbing with the yarn and needles you want that gives you the fabric you like. The number of stitches in 4 inches will be A. Measure your head where you normally wear hats. This will give you B. Since this is a stretchy hat, you will probably want some negative ease so it isn't too loose. My knitting loosened up between swatching and knitting and my hat is a little loose for a 23" circumference head. The amount of negative ease in inches is C.

$$D = A/4$$

$$E = B - C$$

$$F = D * E$$

$$G = F/14$$

If G has a remainder (if there is some numbers after the decimal, if you're using a calculator), then you need to either round up or round down. Rounding down will give you more negative ease, rounding up will give you less. This revised number is H.

$$I = H * 14$$

$$J = I + 1$$

$$K = I/7$$

CO J st. Follow instructions until “Top of hat”. (I st)

You will have 7 repeats of K st. The first two rounds of the decreases will be:

K1, P1 (H - 1) times, SSK. Repeat 7 times to reach the end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (I - 7 st)

K1, P1 (H - 2) times, SSK, K1. Repeat 7 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (I - 14 st)

After this, you will be decreasing 14 st for each decrease round.

K1, P1 (H - 3) times, SSK, K1, K2tog. [P1, *K1, P1* (H - 4) times, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Last K2tog will incorporate first stitch of next round. If you would normally switch yarns with that stitch, switch yarns before doing the final K2tog. Knit in pattern for two rounds, switching yarn where appropriate. (I - 28 st)

Repeat the above instructions, decreasing the (H - 3) and (H - 4) numbers by one each time, until you have 42 st left on your needles.

K1, P1, SSK, K1, K2 tog. [P1, SSK, K1, K2tog.] Repeat instructions in brackets 6 times to reach end of round. Knit in pattern for **one** round, switching yarn where appropriate. (28 st)

K1, *K2tog* until end of round. Knit one round, switching yarn where appropriate. (14 st)

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