Rib top-down hat

Any yarn, all head sizes. This pattern follows a simple repeat, which once mastered, leaves you free to design and plan as you knit.

Finished Size

As required.

Skill level

Intermediate

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You will need:

Materials

Based on the Craft Yarn Council of America's Standard Yarn Weight System:

- Catagory #3 Light yarn such as: **Rowan Pure Wool 4ply,** (100% wool; 174yds [160m]/ 1¾oz [50g]; #411 Navy (A); #437 Port (B), one ball of each.

Equipment

This pattern is designed to work in any gauge. So if you would prefer a loftier rib use larger needles and if you would prefer a tighter rib use smaller needles.

The hat shown required:

- Set of four US2 (2.75mm) double-pointed needles

Optional:

- US2 (2.75mm), 15in (40cm) circular needle

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Gauge (tension)

The hat shown has a gauge of 32 stitches and 40 rows to 4in (10cm) measured over rib pattern, k2, p2, slightly stretched, using US2 (2.75mm) needles.
This pattern works with any gauge or tension. Choose a gauge which suits the yarn and the head size.
To demonstrate this the same basic top-down rib hat pattern was used for: Rocky, Mia, Tulip and Ginger published in the same *Let's Knit* magazine, October 2009.

Abbreviations

A	yarn A
B	yarn B
cm	centimeters
dpn	double-pointed needles
K	knit
in	inches
M1RK	make one knit stitch slanting right, by picking up the horizontal loop before the next stitch from back to front with the left-hand needle, and knitting into the front of it.
M1RP	make one purl stitch, insert the right needle through the bump of the stitch below the next stitch from right to left front, back to front, transfer onto the left-hand needle, purl the loop.
mm	millimetres
oen	on each needle
P	purl
RS	right-side
sts	stitches
WS	wrong-side

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Establish the head measurements required.

Using A and the appropriate needle size for a firm rib fabric.

Work the basic pattern until the required number of stitches for the circumference of the head are on the needles.

Cont to work the patt set with no further increases until the work measures 4½in (11cm) from the cast-on edge.

Join in B.

Cont to work in the stitch patt set.

Work 2 rows B.

Work 2 rows A.

Work 2 rows B.

Work 1 row A.

Work 1 row B.

Work 2 rows A.

Fasten off A.

Using B, cont to work the patt set with no further increase until the work measures 11in (28cm) or is the desired length from the cast on edge.

Cast off using a sewn cast off.

Finishing

Weave in the ends.

Basic pattern

Crown

Using dpn to create an appropriate fabric and the long tail cast on method, loosely cast on 12sts. Arrange the stitches over 3 needles, making sure the stitches are not twisted. Place round marker at the start of the round on needle 1. The last needle of the round is needle 3. *(4sts one each needle (oen))*

ROUND 1: knit.

ROUND 2: [k1, M1RK] rep to end. *(8sts oen; total 24sts)*

ROUND 3: knit.

ROUND 4: [k2, p2] rep to end.

ROUND 5: ✱[k1, M1RK, k1, p1, M1RP, p1] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✱ on each needle. *(12sts oen; total 36sts)*

ROUND 6: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 7: ✱[k1, M1RK, k2, p1, M1RP, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✱ on each needle. *(16sts oen; total 48sts)*

ROUND 8: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 9: ✱[k2, M1RK, k2, p2, M1RP, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✱ on each needle. *(20sts oen; total 60sts)*

ROUND 10: ✱[k2, p1, k2, p2, k1, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✱ on each needle.

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ROUND 11: ✳[k2, M1RP, p1, k2, p2, M1RK, k1, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(24sts oen; total 72sts)*

ROUND 12: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 13: ✳[k2, M1RP, p2, k2, p2, M1RK, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(28sts oen; total 84sts)*

ROUND 14: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 15: ✳[k2, M1RP, p3, k2, p2, M1RK, k3, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(32sts oen; total 96sts)*

ROUND 16: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 17: ✳[k2, p2, M1RP, p2, k2, p2, k2, M1RK, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(36sts oen; total 108sts)*

ROUND 18: ✳[k2, p2, k1, (p2, k2) twice, p1, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle.

ROUND 19: ✳[k2, p2, M1RK, k1, (p2, k2) twice, M1RP, p1, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(40sts oen; total 120sts)*

ROUND 20: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 21: *[k2, p2, M1RK, k2, (p2, k2) twice, M1RP, p2, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from * on each needle. *(44sts oen; total 132sts)*

ROUND 22: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 23: ✳[k2, p2, M1RK, k3, (p2, k2) twice, M1RP, p3, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(48sts oen; total 144sts)*

ROUND 24: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 25: ✳[k2, p2, k2, M1RK, (k2, p2) 3 times, M1RP, p2, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(52sts oen; total 156sts)*

ROUND 26: ✳[k2, p2, k2, p1, (k2, p2) 3 times, k1, p2, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle.

ROUND 27: ✳[k2, p2, k2, M1RP, p1, (k2, p2) 3 times, M1RK, k1, p2, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(56sts oen; total 168sts)*

ROUND 28: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 29: ✳[k2, p2, k2, M1RP, p2, (k2, p2) 3 times, M1RK, (k2, p2) twice] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(60sts oen; total 180sts)*

ROUND 30: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 31: ✳[k2, p2, k2, M1RP, p3, (k2, p2) 3 times, M1RK, k3, p2, k2, p2] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(64sts oen; total 192sts)*

ROUND 32: foll patt set; knitting M1RK stitches, purling M1RP stitches.

ROUND 33: ✳[(k2, p2) twice, M1RP, p2, (k2, p2) 3 times, k2, M1RK, (k2, p2) twice] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(68sts oen; total 204sts)*

ROUND 34: ✳[(k2, p2) twice, k1, p2, (k2, p2) 3 times, k2, p1, (k2, p2) twice] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle.

ROUND 35: ✳[(k2, p2) twice, M1RK, k1 (p2, k2) 4 times, M1RP, p1, (k2, p2) twice] rep once more on same needle; rep from ✳ on each needle. *(72sts oen; total 216sts)*

Tip

Use a hat that is loved as a guide for the measurements—it will include the preferred ease. Also look at the fabric and consider matching your knitted fabric to the fabric of the loved hat.

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