



STARFIGHTER SLOUCH HAT

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MEASUREMENTS

After a light lace blocking:

19.5 inch circumference

10.5 inches tall

NEEDLES

US 4/3.5 mm 16" circular needles

US 5/3.75 mm 16" circular needles

Or sizes needed to attain gauge

YARN

Approximately 220 yards of DK weight yarn.

Sample shown in Western Sky Knits Magnolia DK in Quasar

NOTIONS

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Cable needle (optional)

Pompom maker (optional)

GAUGE

22 sts x 26 rows on US 4/3.5 mm needles in star rib mesh after a light lace blocking. Stitch is very stretchy.

One repeat of cable pattern is 2.25" across and 2.25" wide using US5/3.75 mm needles.

CONSTRUCTION

Hat is knit from the bottom up with an X-Wing Fighter-inspired rib and cable brim with reverse stockinette panels, a star mesh rib body, and a gathered, reverse stockinette crown.

Note that the ribbing and cable rib is on a larger needle than the stretchy star rib mesh body.

It's topped with an optional pompom!

PATTERN

Brim

With US 5/3.75 mm 16" circular needles, CO 104 sts using the long-tail cast on or your preferred cast on.

Ribbing

[P2, K2, P2, K1, P2, K2, P2]. Rep to end.

Work ribbing as set for 4 more rows.

X-Wing cable panel

Row 1, 3, and 4: P2, K9, P2.

Row 2: [P2; sl 1 st to cable needle and hold to front, K3, K1 from CN; K1; sl 3 sts to CN and hold to back, K1, K3 from CN; P2]. Repeat bracketed sts to end.

Repeat 4 row cable panel one more time. Work rows 1-3 of panel once.

Body

Switch to US 4/3.5 mm circular needle.

Setup Row: M1, K to end. 105 sts.

Star Rib Mesh

Row 1: K1, [YO; sl2 Kwise, K1, P2sso; YO, K1].

Repeat bracketed sts to end.

Row 2 and 4: Knit.

Row 3: SSK, YO, K1, [YO; sl2 Kwise, K 1, P2sso; YO, K1] Repeat bracketed sts to last 2 sts, YO, K2tog.

Work rows 1-4 of body pattern until hat measures 8 inches from cast on edge, ending after row 2 or 4.

Crown

Switch to US 4/3.5 mm dpns or magic loop when needed to accommodate smaller crown circumference.

Row 1: P to last 2 sts. P2tog. 104 sts.

Row 2, 4, 6, and 8: P to end

Row 3: [P2, P2tog]. Repeat bracketed sts to end. 78 sts.

Row 5: [P1, P2tog]. Repeat bracketed sts to end. 52 sts.

Row 7: P2tog to end. 26 sts.

Row 9: P2 tog to end. 13 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a 16" tail. With tapestry needle, thread through remaining sts 2x. On WS of hat, weave in remaining tail.

FINISHING

Weave in all remaining ends. Gently lace block to measurements, being careful not to overstretch ribbing.

Make and attach optional pom-pom, if desired!

Wear and enjoy!