

# Druid Crown

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- tapestry needle
- stitch markers

## Techniques

This pattern is suitable for an advanced beginner with some familiarity with stranded colorwork. Prior to knitting this pattern, you should be comfortable with knitting in the round, increasing & decreasing, and simple stranded colorwork. Colorwork is charted only, with no floats longer than 5 stitches.

Some support is provided for modifying hat for slouchiness. Pattern Key describes all abbreviations and describes stitches used.

## Pattern Key

*Written instructions:* repeats = [stitches]

Written	Description
CO	cast on
BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of round
MC	main color
CC1	contrast color 1
CC2	contrast color 2
pm	place stitch marker
sm	slip stitch marker
rm	remove stitch marker
k	knit
p	purl
k tbl	knit through the back loop
k2tog	knit 2 together
m1	<b>make one:</b> with L needle, pick up bar between sts front to back, k tbl
st st	<b>stockinette stitch:</b> (worked in the round) k all sts
1x1 twisted ribbing	<b>[k tbl, p1]</b> to end of round

## Sizing

Fits preemie (0mo, 6mo, 12mo) (child/adult S, adult M, adult L) heads with options for either a close-fitting beanie or slouchy hat. Sizes correspond to head circumferences of 12 (14, 16, 18) (20, 22, 24) in or 30 (35, 40, 45) (50, 55, 60) cm. Larger sizes can be obtained by following the modification instructions.

## Gauge

6 sts x 8 rows = 1"/2.5cm or 24 sts x 32 rows = 4"/10cm in stockinette with size A needles and MC, after gentle blocking.

## Yarn Requirements

*Sample used*

## Tools

- 16" circular needle in **Size A** needed to obtain gauge, for main fabric. *Suggested: US 4/3.5mm*
- DPN's in **Size A** for crown decreases.
- 16" circular needle in **Size B** one size smaller than A, for ribbing.

## Cast On and Ribbing

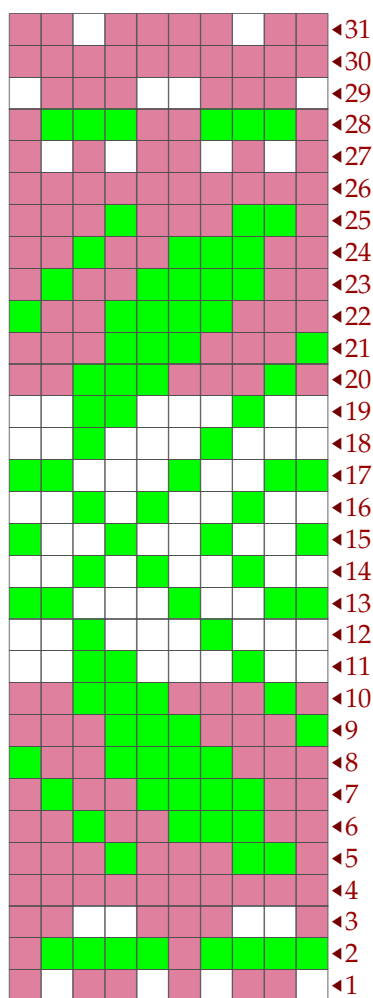
With Size B needles and MC, CO 60 (70, 80, 90) (110, 120, 130) sts with a stretchy cast on. Pm for BOR and join in the round. Work 1x1 twisted ribbing for 1 (1, 1, 1) (1, 1.5, 1.5)" or 2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 2.5) (2.5, 3.75, 3.75) cm.

## Main Body

Change to Size A needles and k one round.

## Colorwork

Join CC1 and CC2. Work chart rows 5-25 (5-25, 1-25, 1-25) (1-31, 1-31, 1-31) repeating a total of 6 (7, 8, 9) (11, 12, 13) times around.



After the last row of the chart, work st st until the piece measures 3.5 (3.75, 4.25, 5) (5.25, 6, 6.75)" or 9 (9.5, 10.5, 12) (13, 15, 17) cm from CO.

## Crown Decreases

### Option A: 10-Point Spiral

**Set Up Round:** sm, [k 6 (7, 8, 9) (11, 12, 13) sts, pm] 9 times, k to end of round. This divides the round into 10 equal sections.

**Round 1:** [sm, k to 2 sts from marker, k2tog] to end of round. (−10 sts)

**Round 2:** k all sts.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 3 (4, 5, 6) (8, 9, 10) times. You will have 30 sts left, or 3 stitches per section.

**Next Rnd:** sm, [k1, k2tog, rm] to end of round. (−10 sts)

### Option B: 5-Point Star

**Set Up Round:** sm, [k 12 (14, 16, 18) (22, 24, 26) sts, pm] 4 times, k to end of round. This divides the round into 5 equal sections.

**Round 1:** [sm, k2tog, k to 2 sts from marker, ssk] to end of round. (−10 sts)

**Round 2:** k all sts.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 8 (10, 12, 14) (18, 20, 22) times. You will have 40 sts left, or 4 sts per section.

**Next Rnd:** sm, [k2tog, ssk, rm] to end of round. (−10 sts)

## Last Round and Finishing

Both methods of crown decreases end with 20 sts total. Remove BOR marker, then [k2tog, rm] until all markers are removed. Work k2tog 5 more times to end with 5 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a 6-8" or 15-20cm tail. Using a tapestry needle, thread yarn through all remaining sts and pull tight to close off hat. Weave in all ends and lightly block if desired.