

# Druid Crown (slouchy)

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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 0.5 (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.

### Increases (*slouchy only*)

Work Increase Round once, then k one round.

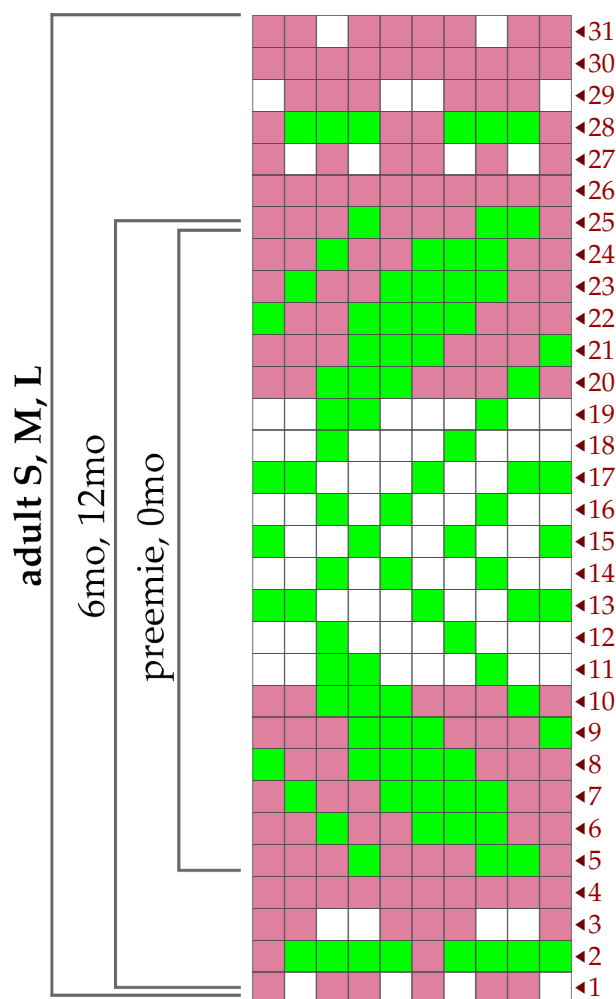
*Adult S, M, and L only:* Work Increase Round once more, k one round.

**Increase Round:** [K 6 (7, 8, 9) (11, 12, 13) sts, **m1**] to end of round. (+10 sts)

Upon completing the slouchy increases, you should have 70 (80, 90, 100) **(130, 140, 150)** sts total. Proceed to colorwork.

## 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 7 (8, 9, 10) **(13, 14, 15)** times around.



After the last row of the chart, work st st until the piece measures 4.5 (4.75, 5.25, 6) **(6.25, 7, 7.75)**" or 11.5 (12, 13, 14.5) **(15.5, 17.5, 20)** cm from CO.

## Crown Decreases

### Option A: 10-Point Spiral

**Set Up Round:** sm, [k 7 (8, 9, 10) (13, 14, 15) 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 5 (6, 7, 8) (11, 12, 13) times. You will have 20 sts left, or 2 stitches per section.

**Next Rnd:** sm, [k2tog, rm] to end of round.

### Option B: 5-Point Star

**Set Up Round:** sm, [k 14 (16, 18, 20) (26, 28, 30) 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.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 5 (6, 7, 8) (11, 12, 13) times. You will have 20 sts left, or 4 sts per section.

**Next Rnd:** sm, [k2tog, ssk, rm] to end of round.

## Last Round and Finishing

Both methods of crown decreases end with 10 sts total. Remove BOR marker, then 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.