

# Vanilla Hat

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## Materials:

1 skein GDF Merino Storm

16 inch circular or DPN needles in US 5 and US 6

1 set of DPN in US 6 for the crown

4 stitch markers

Scrap yarn for cast on

Gauge: 22 sts = 4 inches on US 5

Sizes: S (M , L)

Picture shows size M in Doubloon.

Finished measurements: approximately 18 (19.5, 21) inches unstretched.

Plan for about 3.5 to 4 inches of negative ease for a comfortable and snug fit. For a slouchy fit, go up one size.

## Abbreviations:

sts - stitches

k - knit

pm - place marker

k2tog - knit 2 together

ssk - slip slip knit

## Instructions:

Using your favorite provisional cast on technique, cast on 100 (108, 116) sts with the US 5 needles.

Place marker and, taking care not to twist the round on the needle, join. Knit all rounds until piece measures 3 inches.

Place cast on stitches on a needle (you can use a spare circular or set of double points).

Fold the bottom stitches from the cast on up to meet the stitches on the top needle with the stockinette side out.

With the US 6 needles, knit two stitches (one stitch each from top and bottom needle) together. Continue to end of round. This forms the folded hem edge and all cast on stitches will be knitted into the top of the folded brim.



Continue knitting all rounds until piece measures 5.75 inches (for a slouchy fit, knit until piece measures 6.75 inches) from folded edge.

Crown shaping:

[K 25 (27, 29) pm] 3 times, k to end of round

[K2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, ssk] 4 times (decrease round)

[Knit 2 rounds, work decrease round] twice

[Knit one round, work decrease round] repeat until there are 12 sts remaining ending with a decrease round

Cut yarn and draw tail through 12 remaining sts and pull opening closed

Weave in ends

