



ZAHIRA BEANIE  
KNITTING PATTERN  
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## REQUIRED SKILLS

Hat is knit in the round (from the bottom up) on circular knitting needles, switching to double pointed needles when necessary during the decreasing of stitches for shaping the top.

You will need some experience with:

- Basic knitting stitches (knit and purl), as well as slightly more advanced stitches (i.e. knitting through the back loop and knitting two stitches together decrease).
- Knitting in the round.
- Knitting cabled stitches with a cable hook (also called cable needle or cable stitch holder).

## MATERIALS

- Approximately 1.25 skeins (140 yards) of [Knit Picks Wool of the Andes Tweed Worsted Weight Yarn](#). Colours in photos are (Down Heather and North Pole Heather).
- Size 4 (3.5 mm) 16” circular knitting needles.
- Size 8 (5 mm) 16” circular knitting needles.
- Size 8 (5 mm) double pointed knitting needles.
- Cable Needle.
- Stitch markers.
- Scissors.
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends.
- Pompoms and buttons (optional).



## GAUGE

5 rows, 4.5 stitches = 1 inch in stockinette stitch (Size 8/5mm needles).

## SIZE

Adult (head circumference 22 inches).

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL STITCHES

K: Knit.

P: Purl.

K2Tog: Knit two stitches together decrease.

C6F: Cable 6 Front - Slip **three** stitches onto cable needle and hold at the **front** of your work. Knit the next **three** stitches on left-hand needle, and then knit the stitches from the cable needle.

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Using Size 4 (3.5mm) circular needles, cast on 90 stitches. Place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round and join (being careful not to twist the stitches).

### ***Brim:***

Rounds 1-16: \*K1, P1; repeat from \* to end of round to create 1X1 ribbing for the brim of the hat.  
Transfer stitches onto size 8 (5mm) circular needles to knit the remainder of the hat.

### ***Body of Hat:***

Rounds 1-8: Knit all stitches.

Round 9: \*K1, C6F, K11; repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 10-17: Knit all stitches.

Round 18: \*K10, C6F, K2; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rounds 19-26: Knit all stitches.

Round 27: \*K1, C6F, K11; repeat from \* to end of round.

Start decreasing to shape the top of the hat (switch to double pointed needles when necessary).

### ***Decreasing Rounds:***

Round 1: K8, K2Tog (81 stitches remain).

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Round 3: K7, K2Tog (72 stitches remain).

Round 4: Knit all stitches.

Round 5: K6, K2Tog (63 stitches remain).

Round 6: Knit all stitches.

Round 7: K5, K2Tog (54 stitches remain).

Round 8: Knit all stitches.

Round 9: K4, K2Tog (45 stitches remain).

Round 10: Knit all stitches.

Round 11: K3, K2Tog (36 stitches remain).

Round 12: Knit all stitches.

Round 13: K2, K2Tog (27 stitches remain).

Round 14: Knit all stitches.

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## FINISHING

Cut yarn (leave a long tail) and pull through a yarn needle. Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches and pull tight to close the hole at the top of the hat. Tie a knot to secure and follow the instructions below for attaching a pompom or leave the hat as is and weave in all loose ends.

### ***Attaching a Pompom:***

Pompoms can be purchased from online stores or local craft stores (the pompoms for these hats are from Amazon.com). Be sure to purchase a pompom with a small elastic at the bottom for attaching to the hat.



Step 1: Turn hat inside out and, using the strand of yarn that secured the top of the hat, sew a button to the inside of the hat.



Step 2: Pull the elastic loop from the pompom through a spot at the top of the hat (a crochet hook works great for this).

Step 3: Pull the elastic over the button to secure the pompom.



Step 4: Weave in any loose ends and enjoy your new hat! Switch out pompoms for a different look.