

Gretchen Beret

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Yarn

- Approximately 186-208 m (170-190 yds) DK weight yarn, preferably animal fibers.

Needles and Notions

- Doublepointed needles: 4 mm/US 6
- Circular needles: 3.5 mm/US 4 and 4mm/US 6, 40 cm/16'' long.
- Tapestry needle to sew in yarn ends.

Gauge

- 22 sts = 10cm/4''

Abbreviations

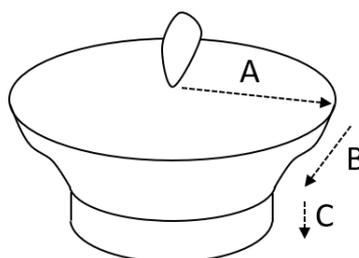
k	knit
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together.
kfb	Knit into front and back of same stitch.
MB	Make bobble.
p	purl
p2tog	Purl 2 sts together
rep	repeat
rnd	round
s2kp	Slip 2 sts knitwise, knit one, pass slipped stitches over.
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
yo	yarn over

How to make a bobble:

- K1, yo, k1, yo, k1 all into the same stitch.
- Turn, p5.
- Turn, k5.
- Turn, p2tog, p1, p2tog.
- Turn, s2kp.

Pattern Notes

- The Gretchen Beret is knit top down starting with the i-cord loop. The top of the hat is shaped using increases (A), the bottom of the hat is shaped by decreasing towards the brim (B). Finally, the brim is knit in twisted stitch ribbing (C).
- All sizes start with the same top part (A) and differ in the bottom part (B) and diameter of the brim (C).



Pattern Instructions

Set up:

- Make an i-cord using two needles: With double pointed needles cast on 4 sts leaving a tail of approx. 10 cm/4". Do not turn and slide the stitches to the opposite side of the needle.
- K4 tbl. Do not turn and slide the stitches to the opposite side of the needle.
- Repeat until i-cord measures approximately 7.5 cm/3".
- In the next round, the number of stitches and the number of needles will be increased. There are 4 sts on the left hand needle. With the second needle, kfb x 2. Take a third needle and kfb into the remaining 2 sts. Now 8 sts are distributed on two needles.
- Continue knitting in rounds and increase the number of needles as you progress in the pattern. Eventually you may switch to circular needles for convenience.

Mark the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Kfb x 8. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: Kfb x 16. (32 sts)

Rnd 5 to 8 (3 rnds): Knit.

Rnd 9: (K2, yo) rep to end of rnd (48 sts)

Rnd 10: (K2, k1 tbl) rep to end of rnd

Rnd 11 and 12: Knit.

Rnd 13: K1, yo, (k3, yo) rep to last 2 sts, k2. (64 sts)

Rnd 14: K1, k1 tbl, (k3, k1 tbl) rep to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 15: K5, MB, (k7, MB) rep to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 16: Knit.

Rnd 17: (K4, yo) rep to end of rnd. (80 sts)

Rnd 18: (K4, k1 tbl) rep to end of round.

Rnd 19 and 20: Knit.

Rnd 21: K3, yo, (k5, yo) rep to last 2 sts, k2. (96 sts)

Rnd 22: K3, k1 tbl, (k5, k1 tbl) rep to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 23: K5, MB, (k7, MB) rep to last 2 sts.

Rnd 24: Knit.

Rnd 25: K2, yo, (k6, yo) rep to last 4 sts, k4. (112 sts)

Rnd 26: K2, k1 tbl (k6, k1 tbl) rep to last 4 sts, k4.

Rnd 27 and 28: Knit.

Rnd 29: K3, yo, (k7, yo) rep to last 4 sts, k4. (128 sts)

Rnd 30: K3, k1 tbl, (k7, k1 tbl) rep to last 4 sts, k4.

Rnd 31: K3, MB, (k7, MB) rep to last 4 sts, k4.

Rnd 32: Knit.

Rnd 33: K7, yo, (k8, yo) rep to last st, k1. (144 sts)

Rnd 34: K7, k1 ktbl, (k8, k1tbl) rep to last st, k1.

Rnd 35 and 36: Knit.

Rnd 37: K3, yo, (k9, yo) rep to last 6 sts, k6. (160 sts)

Rnd 38: K3, k1 tbl, (k9, k1 tbl) rep to last 6 sts, k6.

Rnd 39: (K9, MB) rep to end of round.

Rnd 40: Knit.

Rnd 41: (K8, k2tog) rep to end of round. (144 sts)

Rnd 42 and 44 (3 rnds): Knit.

Rnd 45: K3, k2tog, (k7, k2tog) rep to last 4 sts, k4. (128 sts)

Rnd 46: Knit.

Rnd 47: K3, MB, (k7, MB) rep to last 4 sts, k4.

Rnd 48: Knit.

Rnd 49: (K6, k2tog) rep to end of round. (112 sts)

Rnd 50 to 52 (3 rnds): Knit.

For size XS (< 55 cm/21.5" head circumference):

Rnd 53: K2, k2tog, (k5, k2tog) rep to last 3 sts, k3. (96 sts)

Rnd 54: Knit.

Rnd 55: (K10, k2tog) rep to end of round. (88 sts)

Rnd 56: Knit.

For size S/M (55-57 cm/21.5"-22.5" head circumference):

Rnd 53: K2, k2tog, (K5, k2tog) rep to last 3 sts, k3. (96 sts)

Rnd 54 to 56 (3 rnds): Knit.

For size M/L (57-60 cm/22.5"-23.5" head circumference):

Rnd 53: K9, k2tog, (k12, k2tog) rep to last 3 sts, k3. (104 sts)

Rnd 54 to 56 (3 rnds): Knit.

For size XL (> 60 cm/23.5" head circumference):

Rnd 53 - 56: Knit

Change to smaller needles.

Next 12 rounds (16 rounds for size XL): (K2 tbl, p2) rep to end of round.

Bind off using the **Elastic Bind Off** (or any other stretchy bind off).

Form a loop with the i-cord and use the tail to sew it in place. Sew in all ends and block the hat over a dinner plate.

Elastic Bind-Off

Knit two sts. (Slip the stitches from the right-hand needle purlwise back to the left-hand needle and knit these sts together through the back loop. Knit the next st.) repeat until last stitch. Cut the yarn and pull the yarn through the last remaining stitch on the right-hand needle.