



SNOWY SIDE CAP

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Size: Baby/Toddler, Kids (S/M, L/XL)

Head circumference: 46-50, 50-54 (54-58, 57-62) cm

Gauge: 20 sts x 26 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch

Needles: 3-4 mm circular needles, 60 cm cable or longer

Material: 50, 60 (70, 80) g Svarta Fåret Ulrika Natur or Drops Karisma (50 g = 100 m) **AND** about 13, 16 (20, 24) g Isager Silk Mohair or Holst Titicaca (25 g = 225 m)
...or yarn that gives the same gauge!

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ABOUT THE PATTERN

Snowy Side Cap is a knitted cap with earflaps and optional tie at the back. You work back and forth from the forehead towards the back of the head. After that you pick up and knit stitches to make the screen. Then you make an i-cord edge all along the outer part of the cap, before you pick up and knit stitches for the earflap. The earflap is then worked back and forth before it's finished off with an i-cord. The pattern includes instructions for optional ties at the back as well as tips on how to block and shape your cap.

TECHNIQUES

German short rows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3S9cl47PYw&t=138s>

About selvedge sts: The selvedge stitches is made up of a 1 st garter edge along each side of your work to create a neat edge that's easy to pick up sts along. Therefore the selv-st is always knitted.

ABBREVIATIONS

st/sts = stitch/stitches

k = knit

p = purl

RS = right side

selv = selvedge st: always k1

WS = wrong side

PM = place marker

SM = slip marker

sl = slip

YO = yarn over

sl1wYO = slip 1 st with the yarn over (for german short rows)

tbl = through the back loop

wyif = with yarn in front

m1l = insert left needle under strand between two sts from front to back, knit the strand tbl

m1r = insert left needle under strand between two sts from back to front, knit the strand

m1pl = insert left needle under strand between two sts from front to back, purl the strand tbl

m1pr = insert left needle under strand between two sts from back to front, purl the strand

ssk = slip 1 st, slip the next st, put the slipped sts back on the left needle and k2tog tbl

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

p2tog = purl 2 sts together

INSTRUCTIONS

MAIN PART:

Cast on 16, 18 (20, 20) sts.

Shape the front of the cap using german short rows, like this:

Row 1 (WS): Selv, purl until you have 2 sts left, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until you have 2 sts left, turn.

Row 3 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until the last st, selv.

Make increases along both sides on every row to shape the cap and create the horizontal panels along the sides, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, m1r, PM, knit until the last st, PM, m1l, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until 1st marker, m1pl, SM, purl until the 2nd marker, SM, m1pr, purl until the last st, selv.

Row 3 (RS): Selv, knit until 1 st marker, m1r, SM, knit until the 2nd marker, SM, m1l, knit until you have 1 st left, selv.

Row 4 (WS): Work as row 2.

Repeat row 3-4 until you have increased 8, 10 (12, 14) sts along either side, which means that you should have 9, 11 (13, 15) sts on either side of the markers, or a total of 32, 38 (44, 48) sts.

Continue to make increases on every other row (all rows from RS) to further shape the cap.

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit until 1 st marker, m1r, SM, knit until the 2nd marker, SM, m1l, knit until you have 1 st left, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until the last st, selv.

Repeat row 3-4 until you have 17, 19 (21, 23) sts on either side of the markers = 48, 54 (60, 64) sts.

Work 4 rows in stockinette stitch with selv sts along the sides.

On the next row from the RS begin to shape the cap using german short rows, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit until you have 2 sts left, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until you have 2 sts left turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until you have 1 st left before the last turn, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until you have 1 st left before the last turn, turn.

Repeat row 3-4 until you've made 5, 6 (7, 7) turns along each side = a total of 10, 12 (14, 14) turn sts.

Make one more set of german short rows, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until you have 2 sts left before the last turn, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until you have 2 sts left before the last turn, turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 4 (WS): Selv, purl until the last st, selv.

Shape the back of the cap using decreases on every other row (all rows from the RS), like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit until you have 1 st left before the 1st marker, slip the next st and remove the marker, put the slipped st back onto the left needle, k2tog, PM, knit until you have 1 st left before the 2nd marker, slip the next st and remove the marker, put the slipped st back onto the left needle, PM, ssk, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until the last st, selv.

Row 3 (RS): Selv, knit until you have 2 sts left before the 1st marker, k2tog, SM, knit until the 2nd marker, SM, ssk, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 4 (WS): Selv, purl until you have 1 st left, selv.

Repeat rows 3-4 until you have 12, 14 (16, 18) sts on either side of the markers = 36, 42 (48, 52) sts.

Work the last decreases on every row, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit until you have 2 sts left before the 1st marker, k2tog, SM, knit until the 2nd marker, SM, ssk, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until you have 2 sts left before the 1st marker, p2tog tbl, SM, purl until the 2nd marker, SM, p2tog, purl until the last st, selv.

Repeat row 1-2 until you have 4 sts left on either side of the markers = 20, 22 (24, 24) sts.

On the next row you have the option to make holes for the ties in the back.

If you DON'T want ties in the back work the next two rows the same as before = 16, 18 (20, 20) sts

If you WANT ties in the back work the next two rows like this;

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit until you have 2 sts left before the 1st marker, k2tog, SM, k1, YO, ssk, knit until you have 3 sts left before the 2nd marker, k2tog, YO, k1, SM, ssk, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until you have 2 sts left before the 1st marker, p2tog tbl, SM, purl until the 2nd marker, SM, p2tog, purl until the last st, selv = 16, 18 (20, 20) sts.

Shape the back of the cap with german short rows, like this:

Row 1 (RS): K2tog, knit until you have 3 sts left, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until you have 2 sts left, turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until you have 2 sts left, ssk.

Row 4 (WS): Sl1wyif, bind off all sts by purling them. Break the yarn.

THE SCREEN:

You'll now pick up and knit sts along the front to make the screen. First you need to place markers so your screen will be centered and symmetrical. Place the cap in front of you with the RS facing up and the front of the cap pointing upwards. Follow the outer stitches of the center panel down along the sides and place a marker along the outer edge of either side to mark off the center sts. You should have 14, 16 (18, 18) knit sts within those markers (the center front of the cap).

Start at the right marker and count to 15, 17 (19, 19) sts towards the right side - from the marker towards the back of the cap) This is the point where you'll begin to pick up and knit sts.

Pick up and knit 36, 40 (44, 44) sts like this: pick up and knit along 3, 2 (3, 3) sts, *skip 1 st, pick up and knit along 2 sts* repeat *-* until you reach the 1st marker, remove the marker. You should now have 11, 12 (13,13) sts on your needle. Then pick and knit 14, 16 (18, 18) sts along the center panel (between the markers) until the 2nd marker, remove the marker, then pick up and knit 11, 12 (13, 13) sts along the left side of the center panel, like this: *pick up and knit along 2 st, skip 1 st* repeat *-* until you have 3, 2 (3, 3) sts left to pick up, pick up and knit 3, 2 (3, 3) sts. Place a marker to mark the left side of the screen, cast on 28, 30 (32, 32) sts, place a marker to mark the beginning/end of the rnd as well as the right side of the screen.

Begin to work in the round - work the 1st rnd like this: p2tog tbl 4, 5 (6, 6) times, purl 20 sts tbl, p2tog tbl 4, 5 (6, 6) times (you should have 28, 30 (32, 32) sts before the 1st marker) knit until the end of the rnd = a total of 56, 60 (64, 64) sts.

Next you'll shape the left side of the screen with german short rows, like this:

Rnd 1 (RS): Knit tbl until the 2nd marker, slip marker, k1, turn.

Rnd 2 (WS): Sl1wYO, p1, turn.

Rnd 3 (RS): Sl1wYO, k2, turn

Rnd 4 (WS): Sl1wYO, p3, turn.

Rnd 5 (RS): Sl1wYO, k4, turn

Rnd 6 (WS): Sl1wYO, p5, turn.

Rnd 7 (RS): Sl1wYO, k6, turn

Rnd 8 (WS): Sl1wYO, p7, turn.

Rnd 9 (RS): Sl1wYO, k8, turn

Rnd 10 (WS): Sl1wYO, p9, turn.

Rnd 11 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until the last turn, knit the turn stitch, k2, turn.

Rnd 12 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until the last turn, purl the turn stitch, p2, turn.

Repeat rnd 11-12 one more time.

Then work one more set of german short rows, like this:

(RS): Sl1wYO, knit until last turn, k3, turn.

(WS): Sl1wYO, purl until last turn, p3, turn.

Next you'll shape the right side of the screen with german short rows, like this:

Rnd 1 (RS): Knit until the next marker (beginning/end of the rnd) k1, turn.

Rnd 2 (WS): Sl1wYO, p1, turn.

Rnd 3 (RS): Sl1wYO, k2, turn

Rnd 4 (WS): Sl1wYO, p3, turn.

Rnd 5 (RS): Sl1wYO, k4, turn

Rnd 6 (WS): Sl1wYO, p5, turn.

Rnd 7 (RS): Sl1wYO, k6, turn

Rnd 8 (WS): Sl1wYO, p7, turn.
 Rnd 9 (RS): Sl1wYO, k8, turn
 Rnd 10 (WS): Sl1wYO, p9, turn.
 Rnd 11 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until the last turn, knit the turn stitch, k2, turn.
 Rnd 12 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until the last turn, purl the turn stitch, p2, turn.
 Repeat rnd 11-12 one more time.
 Then work one more set of german short rows, like this:
 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until last turn, k3, turn.
 (WS): Sl1wYO, purl until last turn, p3, turn.
 (RS): Sl1wYO, knit until the end of the rnd.
 Knit 1 rnd.

From this point on, if you haven't already, I recommend that you work using magic loop. Split your stitches by the markers, so that you have the 28, 30 (32, 32) sts from the top of the screen on your 1st needle, and the 28, 30 (32, 32) sts from the bottom of the screen on your 2nd needle.

Shape the front of the screen using decreases on every other row from the RS, like this:

Rnd 1: **(1st needle)** Ssk, knit until you have 2 sts left, k2tog.
(2nd needle) Ssk, knit until you have 2 sts left, k2tog.
 Rnd 2: Knit until the end of the rnd.

Repeat dec-Rnd 1-2 one more time = 48, 52 (56, 56) sts or (24, 26 (28, 28) sts on each needle.
 Then work dec-Rnd 1 six times = 20, 24 (28, 28) sts or (10, 12 (14, 14) sts on each needle.

Break the yarn. Lastly you need to transfer the sts from the 1st and 2nd needle so that the sts are alternating on one needle. Use another needle and reposition the sts like this: *slip 1 st from the 1st needle onto the new needle, slip 1 st from the 2nd needle onto the new needle* repeat *-* until you've slipped all sts onto the new needle. Leave the sts on hold on the new needle while you pick up and knit sts for the i-cord edge.

I-CORD EDGE:

You'll now make an i-cord edge all along the outer border of the cap. First you need to pick up and knit sts all along the outer edge. Use the needles you previously used to make the cap and start just to the left of the sts you just put on hold for the screen.

When you pick up and knit sts along the cap I recommend that you do it like this:

ALONG THE ROUNDED CORNERS OF THE SCREEN: Pick up and knit along each st.

ALONG THE STRAIGHT SIDES OF THE SCREEN: Pick up and knit along 3 sts, skip the 4th st.

ALONG THE MAIN PART: Pick up and knit along 4 sts, skip the 5th st.

Break the yarn once you've picked up sts all along the outer edge and reached the right side of the sts you put on hold for the screen. PM and then slip the sts on hold (from the screen) onto your working needle, PM, continue to slip the sts you just picked up along the outer edge onto the right needle until you reach the center back of the main part. This is the point where you'll start your i-cord.

Cast on 3 sts, *slip all sts to the left needle (with the sts you picked up), k2, k2tog tbl* repeat *-* until you reach the 1st marker, remove the marker. Work the i-cord edge along the center sts of the screen like this: *slip all sts to left left needle (with the sts for the screen), k2, k3tog tbl* repeat *-* until you reach the 2nd marker and have bound off the sts for the front of the screen, remove marker. Continue to work the i-cord along the rest of the cap the same way as you did before until you reach the cast on edge for the i-cord. Sew the last 3 sts to the cast on edge of the i-cord to create a seamless transition.

EARFLAP:

You'll now pick up and knit sts along the i-cord edge of the main part of the cap to make the earflap. Place the cap in front of you with the RS facing up and the front of the cap pointing upwards. Begin to pick up and knit stitches 3 sts to the left of the screen. When you pick up and knit sts I recommend that you do it like this: *pick up and knit along 4 sts, skip the 5th st* repeat *-* until you are 3 sts away from the right side of the screen.

Work the first row from the WS, like this: selv, knit tbl until the end of the row, selv.

Continue to work the earflap back and forth while you shape it, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, knit tbl until the last st, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, p2tog, purl until you have 3 sts left, p2tog tbl, selv.

Row 3 (RS): Selv, ssk, knit until you have 3 sts left, k2tog, selv.

Row 4 (WS): Work as row 2.

Row 5 (RS): Selv, knit until the last st, selv.

Row 6 (WS): Selv, purl until the last st, selv.

Repeat row 5-6 until the earflap measures about 3, 3.5 (4, 4.5) cm, or as long as you want the earflap.

Then shape the bottom of the earflap, like this:

Row 1 (RS): Selv, ssk, knit until you have 3 sts left, k2tog, selv.

Row 2 (WS): Selv, purl until the last st, selv.

Row 3 (RS): Work as dec-Row 1.

Row 4 (WS): Selv, p2tog, purl until you have 3 sts left, p2tog tbl, selv.

Repeat dec-Row 3 one more time - at the end of the row place a marker and immediately begin to pick up and knit sts along the left front of the earflap.

When you pick up and knit sts along the fronts of the earflap I recommend that you do it like this:

ALONG THE ROUNDED CORNERS: Pick up and knit along each st.

ALONG THE STRAIGHT SIDES: Pick up and knit along 3 sts, skip the 4th st.

Break the yarn when you reach the end of the left front of the earflap.

Then pick up and knit sts the same way along the right front of the earflap. Start at the left side of the screen, right at the beginning of the earflap from the RS. Once you reach the sts from the bottom of the earflap that's put on hold - place a marker and break the yarn. Slip the sts for the right front of the earflap onto the left needle (with the rest of the sts for the earflap).

I-CORD EDGE ALONG EARFLAP:

You'll now make an i-cord all along the outer border of the earflap. Start at the left front of the earflap from the RS. Cast on 3 sts, *slip all sts to the left needle (with the sts for the earflap), k2, k2tog tbl* repeat *-* until you reach the 1st marker, remove the marker.

Continue to work the i-cord edge along the bottom of the earflap, like this: *slip all sts to the left needle (with the sts for the earflap), k2, k2tog tbl* repeat *-* a total of 3 times, then work one set like this: slip all sts to the left needle (with the sts for the earflap), k2, k3tog tbl*

Repeat the instructions above until you reach the 2nd marker, remove marker Then work an i-cord edge along the right front of the earflap the same way as did for the left. Once you reach the end of the earflap - break the yarn and pull the end through the last 3 sts. Sew the ends of the i-cord to the inside of the cap for a neat finish.

TIES (OPTIONAL):

If you want to you can now make two i-cord ties that go through the holes in the back. On the inside of the cap at the side of the holes there are vertical ridges that formed due to the decreases - pick up and knit sts vertically along these to make the ties.

Pick up and knit 4 sts along one of the sides to make the first tie. Then work an i-cord like this: *k1, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif* repeat *-* on every row until the tie measures about 15 cm, or as long as you want it. Break the yarn and pull the end through the remaining sts.

Make another i-cord along the other side, the same way as you did the 1st. Pull the ties through the holes.

FINISHING TOUCHES:

Weave in all ends. To block the cap I recommend that you use steam from a steamer or a flat iron.

1. Block the main part of the cap by steaming it so that it's slightly damp and then put it on your head to smooth it out and shape it.
2. Block the earflap by placing it on a flat surface - like an ironing board, and steam it so it's slightly damp and then smooth it down and shape it so it lays flat and so that the rounded corners look good. Hold it in place until it has cooled down.
3. Block the screen like the earflap.

Lastly sew down the cast on edge of the bottom of the screen.

