



Salunga beret

A lightweight lace beret will keep you warm and stylish all winter. This hat starts with a circular cast-on at the top (this is a great technique for hats, shawls, or anything else that begins in the center of a circle); it ends with a tubular bind-off. The tubular bind-off is one of my favorite techniques—few techniques give me more satisfaction than one that's been perfectly executed. It's a bit time-consuming, but the clean look makes it worth the effort.



finished size

About 21" (53.5cm) head circumference, stretched.

yarn

Fingering weight (#1 Super Fine).

Shown here: Spud & Chloe Fine (80% superwash wool, 20% silk; 248 yd [227 m]/65 g): #7818 Green Bean, 1 skein.

needles

Size U.S. 3 (3.25 mm): 16" (40 cm) circular (cir) and set of 4 double-pointed (dnp).

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

notions

Markers (m); tapestry needle; smooth, contrasting waste yarn and 10" to 11" (25.5 to 28 cm) diameter dinner plate for blocking.

gauge

28 sts and 40 rnds = 4" (10 cm) average gauge in lace patts from charts, worked in rnds.

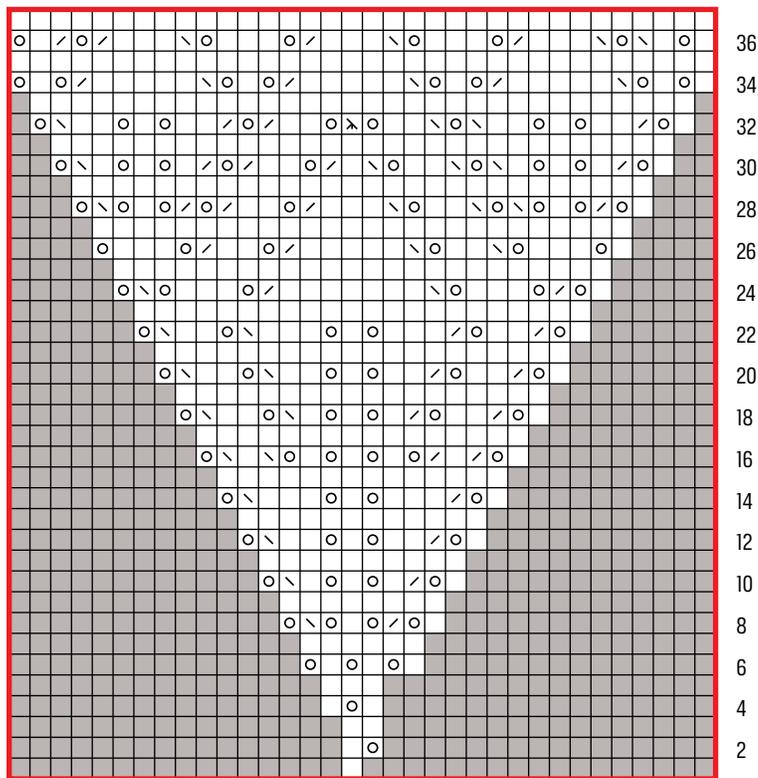
STITCH GUIDE

SALUNGA BODY CHART, BLUE-SHADED STITCHES

In order to keep the pattern properly aligned, it will be necessary to "borrow" 1 stitch from the end of the previous round to work the double decrease at the start of Rnds 46, 48, 50, 58, and 66 (shaded in blue on the chart). Prepare for each "loan" by knitting the previous round to the last stitch, temporarily slip the last stitch (shaded in blue) to the right needle, remove the marker, return the slipped stitch to the left needle, and replace the marker. Work the blue-shaded double decrease at the start of the following round over the "borrowed" stitch and the next 2 stitches after it.



Salunga Crown



1-st repeat inc'd to 34-st repeat

CROWN

With dpn and using Emily Ocker's method (see Glossary), CO 5 sts.

Arrange sts on 3 dpn, place marker (pm), and join for working in rnds, being careful not to twist sts.

Work Rnds 1–37 of **SALUNGA CROWN CHART**, working each chart row 5 times in each rnd, increasing as shown, and changing to cir needle when there are too many sts to fit comfortably on dpn—170 sts; 34 sts each patt rep.

- knit
- yo
- k2tog
- ssk
- sl 1, k2tog, pss0
- no stitch
- see Stitch Guide
- pattern repeat

