

# BUG HOOD

Knitting Pattern

by rows







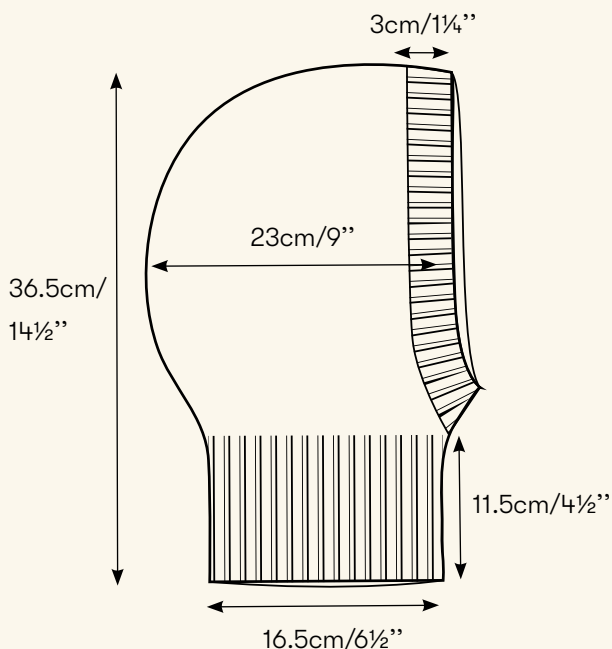
## INFORMATION

Inspired by vintage balaclavas, this hood is a versatile winter essential: a super warm snood, a cosy balaclava and a functioning hood, all in one! It is the perfect layering accessory.

**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy/Intermediate.

**Required techniques:** Long tail cast on, 1x1 rib stitch, stocking stitch, increasing and decreasing, knitting in the round, picking up stitches. For help with techniques see useful links at the back of the pattern.

**SIZE:** One size - see flat measurements below:



**YARN:** Aran/Worsted weight yarn. I have used:

**2 balls of Wool and the Gangs Feeling Good**

**Yarn** - 70% baby alpaca, 23% nylon and 7% merino wool. (130m/142yds per 50g ball.)

or

**2 balls of Drops Air** - 65% alpaca, 28% polyamide and 7% wool. (150m/164yds per 50g ball.)

**Note:** Throughout the pattern 2 strands of yarn are held together, so you may want to pick 2 contrasting colours.

### RECOMMENDED NEEDLES:

6.5mm circular needles, length: 50cm/19.7"

7mm knitting needles

### TENSION:

**1x1 rib stitch on 6.5mm needles, with 2 strands held together:**

10cm/4" x 10cm/4" = 15 stitches/20 rounds

**Stocking stitch on 7mm needles, with 2 strands held together:**

10cm/4" x 10cm/4" = 12 stitches/17 rows

### USEFUL TOOLS:

Stitch marker, stitch holder, tape measure, scissors, 5mm crochet hook, blunt tapestry needle to weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

k - knit

p - purl

st(s) - stitch(es)

ws - wrong side

rs - right side

**m1** - make 1 stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before the next stitch and knitting into the back of it.

**k2tog** - decrease 1 stitch by knitting 2 stitches together.

**ssk** - decrease 1 stitch by slipping the next two stitches knit-wise, one by one. Put left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together.

**p2tog** - decrease 1 stitch by purling 2 stitches together.

**p2tog tbl** - decrease 1 stitch by inserting the right needle purl-wise into the next 2 stitches on the left needle through the back loops, starting with the furthest away stitch. Purl together to make 1 stitch.

### OVERVIEW:

Your hood is worked from the bottom up in the round to start with to create your ribbed neck. When you reach the stocking stitch section you work straight across your stitches. Half way up the head your stitches are split into 2 sections and shaped separately until casting off at the top of the head. The back head is then seamed together and the hood opening trim is picked up and knitted in the round.



# INSTRUCTIONS

Use 2 strands of yarn held together throughout the pattern.

1. Cast on 50sts using 6.5mm circular needles and the long tail cast on technique.  
Place a marker and join for working in the round, be careful not to twist your stitches.
2. Work in 1x1 rib st until your piece measures 11.5cm/4½". (Approx. 23 rounds.)
3. You will now be working straight across your stitches:  
  
With 7mm needles. \*K4, m1.\* Repeat section inside stars (\*) until 14sts left of row. K3, m1, k1. Place remaining 10sts on st holder or scrap piece of yarn, you will come back to them later. Turn your work. (50sts.)
4. Starting with a p row work in stocking st for 12cm/4¾". (Approx. 21 rows.) Make sure last row is a p row.
5. K23, k2tog. Turn your work. From now on you will work across half of your sts only. You will come back to the other half later. (24sts.)
6. Starting with a p row work 3 rows in stocking st.
7. K until 2sts left of row, k2tog. (23sts.)
8. Starting with a p row work 3 rows in stocking st.
9. K until 2sts left of row, k2tog. (22sts.)
10. P row.
11. Repeat steps 9 and 10 twice more. (20sts.)
12. K until 2sts left of row, k2tog. (19sts.)
13. P2tog, p to end of row. (18sts.)
14. Repeat steps 12 and 13 once more. (16sts.)
15. K row.
16. Cast off 2sts, p to end of row. (14sts.)
17. K row.
18. Cast off 4sts, p to end of row. (10sts.)
19. Cast off.  
  
Go back to the 25sts waiting on your needles. Attach yarn to rs of work.
20. Ssk, k to end of row. (24sts.)
21. Starting with a p row work 3 rows in stocking st.
22. Repeat steps 20 and 21 once more. (23sts.)
23. Ssk, k to end of row. (22sts.)
24. P row.
25. Repeat steps 23 and 24 twice more. (20sts.)
26. Ssk, k to end of row. (19sts.)
27. P until 2sts left of row, p2tog tbl. (18sts.)
28. Repeat steps 26 and 27 once more. (16sts.)
29. Cast off 2sts, k to end of row. (14sts.)
30. P row.
31. Cast off 4sts, k to end of row. (10sts.)
32. P row.
33. Cast off.

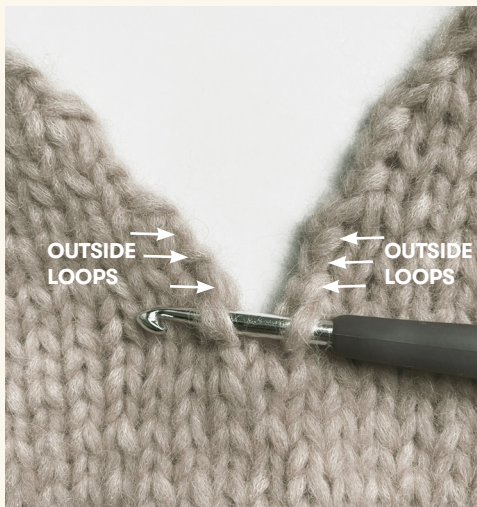
## ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

### Back Head Seam:

To join the central seam at the back of the head, I use an exposed crochet join to make sure the seam sits flat inside the hood. If you don't have a crochet hook skip to the invisible seaming instructions.

Using a 5mm crochet hook and 1 strand of yarn, start from the back head and work upwards to the edge of the hood using the slip stitch through the outside loops joining technique:

1. Place the hood with the rs facing upwards. Match the edges of the back head seam, so you can see the stitches on the edge of each row aligning.
2. Insert the hook through the outside loops of the first stitches to be joined, from right to left. (You now have 2 loops on your hook.)



3. Leaving a 15cm/6" yarn tail, pull your yarn through both loops. Keep the working yarn to the left side of your work.
4. Insert the hook through the next set of outside loops. (You now have 3 loops on your hook.)
5. Wrap the yarn around the hook (from the back to the front) and pull the yarn through all 3 loops.



6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until you reach the edge of the hood.



7. Cut your yarn and pull the loop on your hook through to fasten off.

### Invisible Seam:

If you don't have a crochet hook or would rather have an invisible seam see below:

Thread your tapestry needle with a strand of yarn. Starting from the back head working upwards, use the vertical invisible seaming technique to join the two pieces together until you reach the cast off sections. Now use the horizontal invisible seaming technique to finish joining the pieces, until you reach the edge of your hood.

## Hood Opening Trim:

1. Slip the 10sts waiting on your st holder/scrap yarn onto 6.5mm circular needles from right to left. You are now at the bottom left of your hood opening.
2. Using 2 strands of yarn held together and working from right to left, pick up and k a total of 62sts around your hood opening. (Approx. pick up 2sts for every 3 rows.) Pick up 30sts along the left side of the hood until you reach the back head seam, then pick up 1st into the seam, and 31sts down the right side of your hood until you reach the sts waiting on your needle.  
  
Place a marker and join for working in the round, be careful not to twist your stitches. (72sts.)
3. Ssk, p2tog, k1, p1, ssk, p2tog. Starting with a k st work in 1x1 rib st to end of round. (68sts.)
4. Work in 1x1 rib st until your trim measures 3cm/1¼". (Approx. 5 rounds.)
5. Cast off in ribbing. Make sure your cast off is not too tight.
6. Weave in all loose ends.

## Blocking:

Depending what fibre you are using, you may want to block your hood. With WATG's feeling good yarn I prefer the feel and finish when not blocked. But if using 100% wool or other fibres that recommend blocking, I would do so as follows:

1. Submerge hood in cold water for 15 minutes.
2. Lift out of water, supporting weight evenly, gently squeeze to remove excess water. Roll between clean towels to remove most of the moisture.
3. Place hood on a blocking mat or board.
4. Pin hood out to original measurements.
5. Leave until completely dry.

## USEFUL LINKS

### Knitting Techniques:

Knitting with 2 strands of yarn held together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LLxT1JAUNA>

Long tail cast on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-gdAUEjQjU>

Knitting in the round: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1bZ1hj8Qg8>

1x1 rib st: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykoeMeelluc>

Stocking st: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tW\\_Ck9PemM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tW_Ck9PemM)

M1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtFm56tJ5Nk>

K2tog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBjSEzf-Q5E>

Ssk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKRzXWEIrhA>

P2tog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9melw6FgzCM>

P2tog tbl: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLI4\\_u3T9Fo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLI4_u3T9Fo)

Cast off: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9b7KS9jaAo>

Picking up sts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9XQxUAvtMM>

Cast off in ribbing: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC\\_qvd0qmnk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC_qvd0qmnk)

### Finishing Techniques:

Vertical invisible seam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbgYNvkEZQM>

Horizontal invisible seam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTmEkq-X98w>

Weaving in ends: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohtv2fyd\\_IY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohtv2fyd_IY)

Blocking: <https://brooklyntweed.com/pages/blocking-101>

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