



DINO HAT

Kids' colorwork hat by Sari Nordlund

Hang out with Triceratops, Brachiosaurus, Velociraptors, and of course the T-rex! This hat is made for little adventurers!

The Dino hat is designed for my four-year old son who really loves dinosaurs! For the best result choose two colors with high contrast (ie. One very light, one very dark). The pattern uses very little of the contrast color so you can easily use a mini skein or leftovers.

Size

one size, to fit a 3-5 year old with head circumference of approximately 51-53 cm / 20-21 inches

Yarn

170 m / 190 yards of main color (MC) in fingering weight yarn, shown in Lichen and Lace 80/20 Sock (80% Merino, 20% Nylon; 334 meters / 365 yards per 100 grams) shown in colorway Sage, and 65 m / 70 yards of contrast color (CC) in fingering weight yarn, shown in madelinetosh Tosh Merino Light (100% SW merino, 384 m / 420 yards per 100 g), shown in colorway Arya.

Optional: small amount of yarn for a pompom. Shown in Novita Hohde (reflective yarn) in colorway Salama

Gauge

30 sts and 34 rounds = 10 cm / 4" of colorwork on larger needles in the round, blocked.

Needles

- 2.75 mm / US 2 circular needles with a 40 cm / 16" cable for the ribbing
- 3.25 mm / US 3 circular needles with a 40 cm / 16" cable for the main part
- 3.25 mm / US 3 double pointed needles or circular needles with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for the crown shaping
- Always use the needle size that gets you the right gauge!

Notions

- waste yarn for the provisional cast on
- 4 stitch markers
- sewing needle

INSTRUCTIONS

BRIM

Note: If you don't want to use provisional cast on, it is ok to use your preferred method for casting on and either just fold the brim double or sew it in place on the inside of the hat.

Using your preferred Provisional Cast On method and the smaller circular needles (size suggested 2.75 mm / US 2), CO 120 sts with the MC. I like using the method instructed in the Knitty magazine (link here <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall05/FEATfall05TT.html>)

Pm for BOR and join in the round, careful not to twist the ring of sts. Begin 1x1 ribbing:

Ribbing Round 1: *K1, p1; rep from * until end.

Rep Ribbing Round 1 until the brim meas 12.5 cm / 5" from the CO edge.

Change to larger circular needles (size suggested 3.25 mm / US 3) and work one more round of the 1x1 ribbing.

Carefully undo the provisional cast on edge and place the live sts on the smaller circular needles. Fold the brim double so that RS is on the outside and the two circular needles are parallel to each other. The smaller needles are on the inside of the hat and the larger needles are on the outside.

Joining Round: Using the larger needle, knit the first st on larger needle together with its counterpart on the smaller needles, *knit the next st on larger needle together with its counterpart on the smaller needles, rep from * until the end of the round. Remove the smaller needle and continue with the larger needle only. (120 sts on the needles)

MAIN PART

Note: In the colorwork section when the color sequences are longer than 3 sts, secure the floats on the inside of the hat by twisting the working yarns around each other. Keep the floats loose and keep checking the gauge so that the hat won't turn out too tight.

Start the colorwork as instructed on the first round of the chart. The 60-stitch pattern repeats 2 times on each round. You can place a marker between the pattern repeat to make it easier to keep track of the chart.

Work Rounds 1-32 of the chart.

CROWN SHAPING

Work the crown shaping as instructed on Rounds 33-45 of the chart. Change to working with double pointed needles or the Magic loop method when the ring of sts becomes too small for the circular needles. At the end of the chart 16 sts remain.

Cut the yarns and thread them through the remaining sts. Pull tight and secure the ends on the inside of the hat.

FINISHING

Weave in the remaining yarn ends. Wet block to measurements. If you want you can add a pompom on top of the hat.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR	Beginning of the round
CC	Contrasting color
CO	Cast on
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together (decreases 1 st)
MC	Main color
meas	Measures
pm	Place marker
rep	Repeat
RS	Right side
ssk	Slip, slip, knit the slipped stitches together (decreases 1 st)
st(s)	Stitch(es)

CHART

