

Nivosa Hat

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Nivosa Hat is a unisex wintery colorwork hat made with a DK weight yarn with two highly contrasting colors. Four adult sizes presented in a pattern ensure that you will be able to get a perfect fit for a desired look.

This hat has a great potential for experimenting with colors. You can use light background as shown in a sample and get classical wintery feel or you can reverse it and make it dark with striking light snowflakes. Even the largest size doesn't take a lot of yarn in any color so you can use this hat as a stash buster!

This pattern has a [complete video tutorial](#) to help you along. In this pattern you also have an opportunity to learn how to make a faux fur pompom. It is very easy with a help of another video tutorial. There is also a tutorial for a fleece lining for a hat. If you have sensitive skin on your forehead or just don't want to have an imprint of a ribbing after wearing a hat, or if your winter is too cold and windy for a knitted hat – give it a try! The links for the [video tutorial for lining](#) and for [making a faux fur pompom](#) are provided.

Sample on photo is in size M on a model with a 21,8" (54.5 cm) head in circumference.

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Difficulty level

Advanced beginner, intermediate, experienced

Techniques used

Knit, purl, working in the round on circular needles, working small circumferences in the round on DPNs/with magic loop or with two circulars, decreases, stranded colorwork, crochet cast on (optional)

Sizes

Adult S, M, L, XL.

S – 20" (51 cm) head circumference

M – 21" (53 cm)

L – 22" (56 cm)

XL – 23" (58 cm)

Finished Measurements

S – approximately 9.5" (24 cm) wide and 9.5" (24 cm) tall lying flat

M – approximately 10" (25.5 cm) wide and 9.5" (24 cm) tall lying flat

L – approximately 10.5" (27 cm) wide and 10.5" (26 cm) tall lying flat

XL – approximately 11" (28.5 cm) wide and 10.5" (26 cm) tall lying flat

Gauge

Approximately 22 sts and 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in round in colorwork on US 6 (4 mm) needles

Yarn

DK weight (10 wpi)

275 yds (250 m) per 100 g

Main color – white

Contrasting color – black

Approximate yardage

Yardage doesn't include optional pompom.

For size S

MC – 35 g (100 yds/90 m)

CC – 15 g (45 yds/40 m)

For size M

MC – 40 g (110 yds/100 m)

CC – 20 g (55 yds/50 m)

For size L

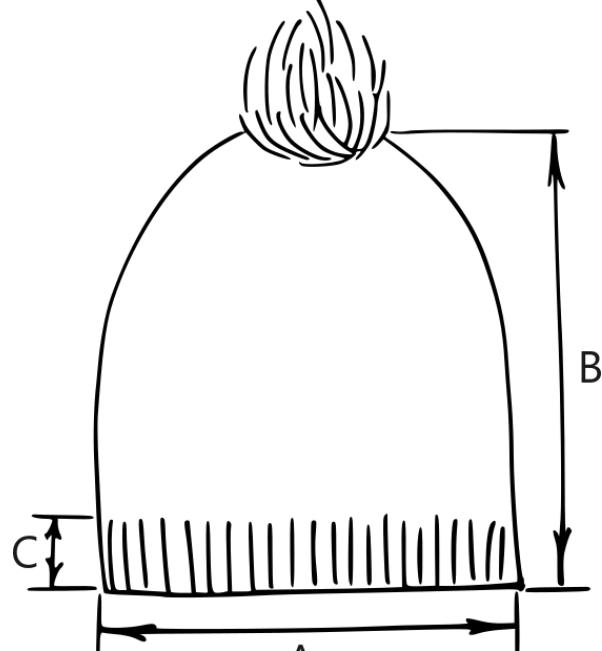
MC – 45 g (125 yds/115 m)

CC – 20 g (55 yds/50 m)

For size XL

MC – 50 g (140 yds/125 m)

CC – 25 g (70 yds/65 m)



A – 9.5 (10, 10.5, 11)" [24 (25.5, 27, 28.5) cm]

B – 9.5 (9.5, 10.5, 10.5)" [24 (24, 26, 26) cm]

C – 1.5 (1.5, 1.6, 1.6)" [3.8 (3.8, 4, 4) cm]

Needles

US 2.5 16" (3 mm 40 cm) circs for ribbing

US 6 16" (4 mm 40 cm) circs or size needed to obtain gauge

US 6 (4 mm) needles for working small circumference in the round: DPNs, 1 long circular or 2 short circulars

Notions

stitch marker

tapestry needle to weave in ends

optional - US E4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook for casting on

faux fur pompom or pompom maker

Pattern Notes

Nivosa Hat is knit in the round from the bottom up.

Crochet cast on provides stable and sufficiently stretchy beginning for a classical one by one rib. (Other stretchy cast on may be used if you have a preferred one.)

The body of the hat continues with snowflake inspired colorwork that can be done in dark color on a light background as shown in sample or can be reversed to get very different effect. Any two colors may be used depending on knitter's preference.

Crown is shaped with simple knit two together decreases in just a few rows which results in a slightly gathered shape which is perfect for topping with a pompom.

Techniques and tutorials

[Complete Nivosa Hat tutorial](#)

[Crochet cast on and joining in the round tutorial](#)

[Beginner friendly stranded colorwork technique tutorial](#)

[Fleece lining for a hat tutorial](#)

[Faux fur pompom tutorial](#)

Abbreviations

[] – repeat action inside brackets specified amount of times

BOR – beginning of round

CO – cast on

MC – main color

CC – contrasting color

k – knit

p – purl

rnd – round

st – stitch

sts – stitches

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together

Instructions

Brim

Using size US 2.5 16" (3 mm 40 cm) circular needle, US E4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook and MC yarn CO 96 (108, **120, 132**) sts plus one

additional st for joining in the round. – 97 (109, 121, 133) sts.

Distribute sts evenly on the needle being careful not to twist sts. Slip first st to the left needle, take last st, pass it over the first and drop it from the needle. Pull on the working yarn to tighten the joint. Return first st back to the right needle. – 96 (108, **120, 132**) sts.

Pm for BOR. Slip marker throughout.

Rnd 1: [K 1, p 1] to end.

Repeat last rnd 14 (14, **16, 16**) more times, or until ribbing will get to a desired length.

Body

Rnd 1: Change to US 6 16" (4 mm 40 cm) needle and knit to end.

Rnd 2-5: Begin colorwork pattern, attaching CC yarn. Work from chart A on the last page.

Rnd 6: K MC to end.

Rnd 7-26: Work from chart B on the last page.

Rnd 27: K MC to end.

Rnd 28-44 : Work from chart C on the last page.

Rnd 45: K MC to end.

Next rnd:

For sizes S and M

On the next round start crown shaping.

For sizes L and XL

Rnd 46: K MC to end.

Rnd 47: [K 1 MC, k 1 CC] to end.

Rnd 48: K MC to end.

On the next round start crown shaping.

Crown shaping

Note: Change to DPNs, 1 long circular or 2 short circulars when there are not enough stitches to work on 16" (40 cm) circular needle.

Rnd 1: [K2tog, k 2] in MC to end. – 72 (81, **90, 99**) sts.

Rnd 2: [K 1 MC, k 1 CC] to end.

Rnd 3: K MC to end.

Rnd 4: [K2tog, k 1] in MC to end. – 48 (54, **60, 66**) sts.

Rnd 5: [K 1 MC, k 1 CC] to end. Break CC yarn leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail to weave in later.

Rnd 6: K MC to end. Remove marker.

Next rnds: K2tog until 6-8 sts remain.

Finishing

Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail. Using tapestry needle, feed the tail through remaining stitches, removing them from the needles. Pull tight. Bring tail through to the inside.

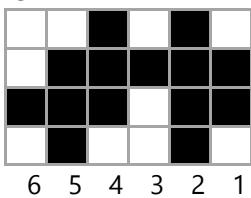
Weave in all ends.

Wet block the hat to adjust the size and even out the colorwork pattern.

Make pompom from leftover MC yarn or CC yarn or from a mix of both according to pompom maker instructions. Or take a pre-made pompom. Or make a faux fur pompom following [video tutorial](#).

Attach pompom to the hat after blocking by sewing it in place or using sewn on snap.

CHART A



CC

MC

CHART B

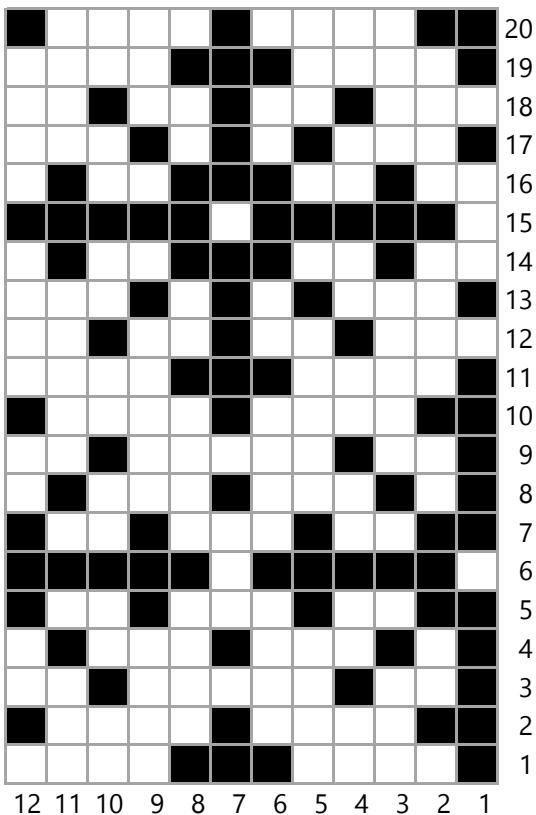


CHART C

