# Simple Beret

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This beret design is intended to be *simple and warm*, especially suitable for winter and for beginners in knitting in the round.

## CONSTRUCTION

The beret is worked from the bottom up seamlessly in the round.

Starting with 1x1 rib, the brim is worked using 3.5mm / US 4 circular needles for 2cm / ¾".

Switch to 4mm / US 6 needles and make increases, continue working in stockinette stitch.

Once the beret reaches the desired size, work decreases every other round.

Before binding off the crown, knit the remaining stitches for several rounds to form an I-cord, then tie it onto itself.

## GAUGE

**22 sts x 32 rows = 10cm / 4"**, knitted in the round in stockinette stitch with 4mm / US 6 needles, measured **after** blocking

## YARN

**Lana Grossa** Merino Uno (100% Merino Wool; DK weight; 125m / 136yds per 50g skein)

2 skeins in **color 29 Altrosa** or 250m / 273yds of DK weight yarn.

## NEEDLES

- 4mm / US 6 needles, 50cm / 20" and 80cm / 32" length.
- 3.5mm / US 4 needles, 50cm / 20" length.

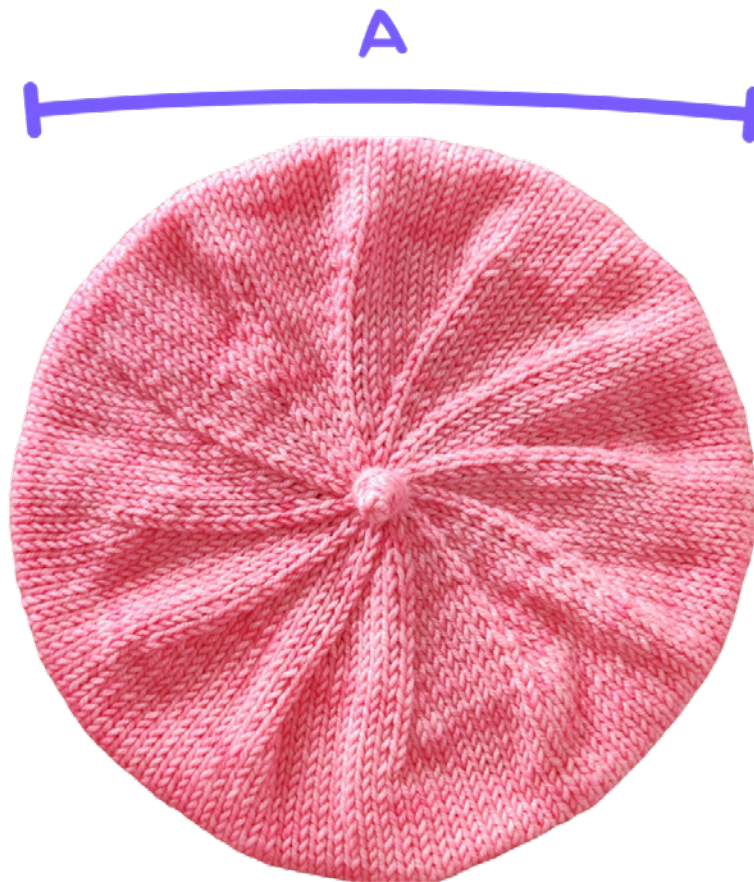*Always use the needle size that will result in the correct gauge after blocking.*

## NOTIONS

1 stitch marker, tapestry needle.

**Optional:** *Up to 62 cm / 24" of elastic thread, 11 removable stitch markers.*

## SIZES AND MEASUREMENTS

| Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Head circumference** | 39cm - 44cm<br>15⅜" - 17¼" | 45cm - 50cm<br>17¾" - 19¾" | 51cm - 56cm<br>20" - 22" | 57cm - 62cm<br>22½" - 24½" |
| **Finished brim circumference** | 35cm / 13¾" | 41cm / 16¼" | 47cm / 18½" | 53cm / 21" |
| **Diameter (A)** | 20cm / 8" | 23cm / 9" | 26cm / 10¼" | 29cm / 11½" |

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# Abbreviations

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **dec** | *Decrease* | **M** | *Marker* |
| **k** | *Knit* | **p** | *Purl* |
| **kfb** | *Knit into the front and back of a stitch* | **st(s)** | *Stitch(es)* |
| **k2tog** | *Knit 2 together* | **[ ]** | *Repeat the instructions between brackets as many times as indicated* |

## Step-by-step videos

Find step-by-step videos for this pattern at the following link or scan the code:

**https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKBGt1R3S9hnqpdXV910rh-r5u_au8weq**

## Before you begin

- Read all instructions carefully.
- Make sure you have achieved the correct gauge.
- To use a different yarn, make sure that it has a similar yardage as the suggested one.
- When you see instructions written as follows: 1 (2, 3, 4), follow only the number that corresponds to the size you are knitting and ignore the rest.

# Pattern begins

## SECTION 1 - *Brim*

With 3.5mm / US 4 needles and the long-tail cast on method, cast on 64 (72, 80, 88) sts.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches, and place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.

**Round 1:** [K1, p1] to end.

**Repeat Round 1** until your work measures 2cm / ¾".

## SECTION 2 - *Base*

*Note: Switch to a longer cable as needed.*

Change to 4mm / US 6 needles.

**Increase round:** [K1, kfb] to end. *96 (108, 120, 132) sts*

Work in stockinette stitch until this section measures 9 (10, 11, 12) cm / 3½ (4, 4¼, 4¾)"

## SECTION 3 - *Decreases*

*Note: Switch to DPN's or circular needle techniques if needed.*

Divide your stitches equally in 12, add stitch markers between each section if you want to.

**Round 1 (dec):** [K6 (7, 8, 9), k2tog] to end. *84 (96, 108, 120) sts*

**Round 2 and all even rounds:** K to end.

**Round 3 (dec):** [K5 (6, 7, 8), k2tog] to end. *72 (84, 96, 108) sts*

**Round 5 (dec):** [K4 (5, 6, 7), k2tog] to end. *60 (72, 84, 96) sts*

**Round 7 (dec):** [K3 (4, 5, 6), k2tog] to end. *48 (60, 72, 84) sts*

**Round 9 (dec):** [K2 (3, 4, 5), k2tog] to end. *36 (48, 60, 72) sts*

**Round 11 (dec):** [K1 (2, 3, 4), k2tog] to end. *24 (36, 48, 60) sts*

**Sizes 2, 3 and 4 ONLY**

**Round 13 (dec):** [K1 (2, 3), k2tog] to end. *24 (36, 48) sts*

**Sizes 3 and 4 ONLY**

**Round 15 (dec):** [K1 (2), k2tog] to end. *24 (36) sts*

**Size 4 ONLY**

**Round 17 (dec):** [K1, k2tog] to end. *24 sts*

**All sizes**

**Next round:** K to end.

**Next round (dec):** K2tog to end. *12 sts*
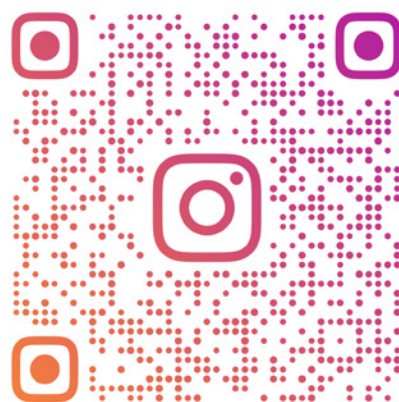
**Next round:** K to end.

**Next round (dec):** K2tog to end. *6 sts*

## SECTION 4 - *Finishing*

Work in stockinette stitch until you have a 6cm / 2½" long I-cord.

Cut your yarn, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and draw through the remaining stitches twice, pull tight to close, weave in the yarn tail through the center of the I-cord to the wrong side.

Tie the I-cord onto itself, weave in ends and block your beret, you can sew elastic thread to the brim if you want to.



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