

The Lucille Hat

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I named this hat Lucille after my grandmother, for whom I created it. She wanted a hat she could sleep in, so I chose stockinette stitch since it would make a smooth and comfortable fabric. Because I was using a simple stitch pattern, I wanted a colorful yarn so the hat wouldn't be too plain. I chose Malabrigo Worsted Merino—a soft, squishy, and lofty wool—in a beautiful, hand-dyed colorway. The hat is simple, but quite pretty, and is a quick and easy knit. My original pattern is sized to fit an adult woman, however, it can be easily changed to fit a smaller or larger head (see **NOTES**).

YARN

1 hank Malabrigo Worsted Merino (100% merino wool; 210 yds/100 g) in “Mother’s Day” colorway. This colorway was exclusive to a 2013 Mother’s Day bouquet and is no longer available (see **NOTES**).

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 9 (5.5 mm) 16” circular needles AND set of 4 dpns.

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

Approx 18.5 sts and 26 rows = 4” in the round.

FINISHED SIZE

Adult woman’s hat: 18” circumference unstretched (fits up to a 22” head) and approx 8” tall with brim rolled (see **NOTES**).



NOTES

The colorway I used was exclusive to a 2013 Mother’s Day yarn bouquet, so unless you also received the lovely bouquet (and still haven’t used your hank!), you will not be able to use this colorway. However, Malabrigo Worsted Merino comes in a plenitude of beautiful colors, and I am sure you could find a substitute colorway that will make an equally pretty hat. You also could use any heavy worsted-weight yarn as a replacement, just knit a gauge swatch to make sure you attain the same gauge with your chosen yarn.



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This pattern is easily changed to fit a smaller or larger head. To fit a smaller head, as for a child, cast on 8 less stitches (CO 72 sts) and knit for only 7" before beginning the decrease rounds. To fit a larger head, as for an adult man, cast on 8 additional stitches (CO 88 sts) and knit for 7.5" before beginning the decrease rounds. (For details, see **INSTRUCTIONS**.)

The rolled brim is particularly nice if you don't know the exact size of the person's head for whom the hat is intended, or if you sometimes like to wear a hat above your ears and sometimes like to pull it down over your ears—the rolled brim can be rolled up or down to make the hat shorter or longer. The adult woman's hat that this pattern creates is about 8" tall with the brim rolled "naturally" (the extent to which it will roll on its own), however you can unroll the brim another full inch and it will stay that way while you're wearing it (so it could cover your ears for instance), or you can roll it up further to make it shorter.

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Pattern is written for an adult woman's hat; changes for child's hat, adult man's hat are in parentheses.

With circular needles, CO 80 (72, 88) sts and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts. K every rnd until piece measures 7.25" (7", 7.5") from CO edge. Start decrease rnds, switching to dpns when necessary.

Decrease Rnds

Rnd 1: *k6, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—70 (63, 77) sts.

Rnd 2: *k5, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—60 (54, 66) sts.

Rnds 3, 5, 7, & 9: k all sts to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *k4, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—50 (45, 55) sts.

Rnd 6: *k3, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—40 (36, 44) sts.

Rnd 8: *k2, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—30 (27, 33) sts.

Rnd 10: *k1, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—20 (18, 22) sts.

Rnd 11: k2tog to end of rnd—10 (9, 11) sts.

Rnd 12: k2tog to end of rnd—5 sts (k2tog to last st, k1—5, 6 sts).



FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving 6" tail. Thread tail onto darning needle and pull through remaining 5 (6) sts. Secure and weave in ends on inside of hat.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx	approximately	k	knit	rnd(s)	round(s)
CO	cast on	k2tog	knit two stitches together	st(s)	stitch(es)
dpn(s)	double-pointed needle(s)	mm	millimeter(s)	tog	together
g	gram(s)	rep	repeat	yd(s)	yard(s)



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