

The Purl Swirl Hat is a fun knit with a simple swirl detail of purl stitches. Any size can be made from one skein of fingering weight yarn and a simple finish ensures there are no stitches to bind off! This project is great for an advanced beginner.

## SIZES

S-18" around, $7^{\prime \prime}$ tall
M-20" around, 8" tall
L-22" around, 9.5" tall

## GAUGE

12 sts x 16 rounds $=4 " \times 4 "$
in Stockinette stitch with yarn held tripled

## MATERIALS

## YARN

1 skein of fingering-weight yarn
Knit Picks Stroll Gradient Superwash (100g/450yd)

## NEEDLES

US \#13/9.00 mm

## NOTIONS

finishing needle
stitch marker (1)

## ABBREVIATIONS

BO - bind off
CO - cast on
k - knit
kwise - knitwise
LHN - left hand needle
p-purl
pm - place marker
p2tog - purl 2 stitches together; single decrease
pwise - purlwise
sl - slip
st(s) - stitch(es)

## NOTES

The Purl Swirl Hat is worked in the round from the bottom up.

Instructions are provided for multiple sizes as follows: S (M, L)

Yarn is worked held tripled. The technique of chain plying triples the yarn straight from the skein while working it, reducing preparation time. This technique can be learned quickly and easily.

## BRIM

Using fingering weight yarn held tripled, CO $52(64,78)$ sts, pm, and join in the round, taking care not to twist.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 1.5" (1.5", 2").

## SETUP

Establish the swirl starting points on the next round as follows:
Sizes S and L - *k12, p1*
Size M - *k12, p1* until 12 stitches remain, then k12, kfb [65 sts]

## SWIRL PATTERN

Begin working in the swirl pattern as follows:

Round 1 - *p1, k12*

Round 2 - *k1, p1, k11*
Round 3 - *k2, p1, k10*

Round 4 - *k3, p1, k9*
Round 5 - *k4, p1, k8*

Round 6 - *k5, p1, k7*
Round 7 - *k6, p1, k6*
Round 8 - *k7, p1, k5*
Round 9 - *k8, p1, k4*
Round 10 - *k9, p1, k3*

Round 11 - *k10, p1, k2*
Round 12 - *k11, p1, k1*

Round 13 - *k12, p1*
Continue working in this manner until hat measures 5" (6", 7.5") from brim, ending on any round. Begin crown shaping.

The Purl Swirl Pattern can be summarized in these steps:

1. Knit until you reach a purl stitch from the previous round.
2. Knit the stitch directly over last round's purl stitch, then purl the next stitch.
3. Continue working in this manner until the desired length is reached.


## CROWN SHAPING

The crown is shaped by working decreases into the Purl Swirl pattern in place of purls. Continuing where you left off (round 1 to 13), begin decreasing as follows:

1. Knit until you reach a purl stitch from the previous round.
2. Knit the stitch directly over last round's purl stitch.
3. Instead of purling the next stitch decrease as follows:
slip 1 kwise, slip 1 pwise, sl both sts back to LHN, p2tog Each decrease round will include $4(5,6)$ stitch decrease.
4. Continue working in this manner until $16(19,24)$ sts remain.

## FINISHING

Snip yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.

Weave in ends.

Block if desired.


## Additional Resources

