

Yarnster is your new go to slouch hat! Featuring a lovely openwork mesh stitch, the Yarnster shows off the gorgeous, subtle colorways of that fave yarn you've been crushing on!

#### **GAUGE**

20 sts and 26 rows = 4in/10cm in St st on larger needles.

#### Yarn

1 skein of Malabrigo Rastita (100% Wool, 310yds/283m), shown in Lotus [dk]

#### **NEEDLES**

3.75mm/US5 needle (for ribbing)
16in circular OR 32in circular for **Magic Loop Method** 

4.5mm/US7 needle (for working body of hat)
16in circular and dpns, OR 32in for **Magic Loop Method** 

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the proper gauge.

#### **Notions**

2 stitch markers 1 yarn needle

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18in/46cm brim circ, unstretched. Stretches to fit 20-22"/51-56cm head circ.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**approx** approximately

**co** cast-on

**circ** circumference

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 sts together k3tog knit 3 sts together

m1 make one
p purl
rep repeat
rnd round
st(s) stitch(es)

**St st** Stockinette stitch

**WS** wrong side **yo** yarn over

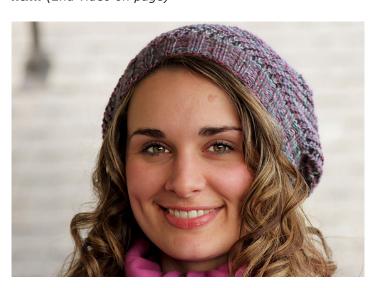
# STITCH GUIDE

#### LONG TAIL CAST-ON

For helpful visual instructions we like: <a href="http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/long-tail-cast-on">http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/long-tail-cast-on</a>

#### **MAGIC LOOP METHOD**

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## **DIRECTIONS**

#### **RIBBING**

Using the **Long Tail Cast-On** and smaller needles, CO 100 sts. See **Stitch Guide** on **Page 1** for link to a visual tutorial.

If using a 32in circular for the **Magic Loop Method**, place marker at end of cast-on sts and join in round distributing 46 sts on first needle to be worked and 54 sts on the other, being careful not to twist. See **Stitch Guide** on **Page 1** for link to a visual tutorial.

If using a 16in circular, place a marker to denote start of round and join in round, being careful not to twist.

**Rnd 1:** [K1, p1] or [k2, p2] (both ways look great) to end of rnd.

Rep **Rnd 1** until ribbing measures 1.5in/4cm from CO edge.

#### **BODY**

Switch to larger needles.

**Increase Round:** \*K10, m1; rep from \* to end of rnd. (110sts)

**Rnd 1:** \*Yo, k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit to end of rnd.

Rep **Rnds 1 & 2** for approx 8.75in/22cm from cast-on edge (approx 52 rnds).

#### **CROWN SHAPING**

\*If using a 16in circular, change to dpns as you work the first decrease rnd.

**Rnd 1:** \*K2tog, [yo, k2tog] four times; rep from \* to end of rnd. 99 sts

Rnd 2 & all even rnds: Knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 3:** \*K3tog, [yo, k2tog] three times; rep from \* to end of rnd. 77 sts

**Rnd 5:** \*K3tog, [yo, k2tog] twice; rep from \* to end of rnd. 55 sts

**Rnd 7:** \*K3tog, yo, k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd. 33 sts

Rnd 9: K3tog to end of rnd. 11 sts

Cut yarn, leaving a 6in/15cm tail. Use yarn needle to thread end through remaining sts. Pull tight and tie off.

Weave in ends and block if desired.





