



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:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/long-tail-cast-on>

MAGIC LOOP METHOD

For helpful visual instructions we like:

<http://www.janerichmond.blogspot.ca/p/tutorials.html> (2nd video on page)



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.

