

Selah's Zig Zag Hat By Susan Plack



Grandbaby Selah is growing and needs a new hat! This hat has a simple 6 stitch repeat that moves across the hat to create a zig zag pattern. The hat can be adjusted to fit any size head or knit gauge by casting on multiples of 6. If you want a shorter or taller hat, you can knit $\frac{1}{2}$ more of the repeats by finishing off with row 5 instead of row 10. Choose your own adventure!

Yarn Weight: Any Worsted Weight. The hat takes about 53 yards or 28 grams for the newborn size

70 yards or 35 grams for the baby hat.

About 150 yards or 80 grams for the small adult hat.

Some suggestions: Knitters Brewing Company Sock-aholic Brewski, Caron Simply Soft, or Premier Yarns Sweet Roll

Experience Level: Intermediate

Sizing: Newborn/Baby/Toddler/Child/Adult Small/Adult Large

Approximate Finished Measurements:

Newborn 12" circumference 5" tall

Baby 14" circumference 6" tall

Toddler 16" circumference 7" tall

Child 18" circumference 8" tall

Adult Small 20" circumference 9" tall

Adult Large 22" circumference 10" tall

Needle: Size 6

Gauge: 5 stitches per inch

Supplies: Yarn darning needle to sew in the ends.
Stitch Marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Abbreviations:

CO – Cast on
BO – Bind off
K – Knit
K2tog – Knit 2 together
SSK - Slip Slip Knit the two slipped stitches together
YO - Yarn over
*Repeat

Cast on: 60/72/84/96/108/120 stitches
Newborn/Baby/Toddler/Child/Adult Small/Adult Large
Join to knit in the round.

Ribbing:

K2 P2 for 10/12/14/16/18/20 rows
Place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round as you start the ribbing.

Lace body of the hat:

(Note: Each 10 row repeat adds 1" to the pattern.
Each 6 stitch repeat adds 1" to the pattern)
Row 1: *[K4, K2Tog, YO] repeat from * to the end
Row 2: K3, K2Tog, YO *[K4, K2Tog, YO] repeat from * to 1 stitch from the end K1
Row 3: K2, K2Tog, YO *[K4, K2Tog, YO] repeat from * to 2 stitches from the end K2
Row 4: K1, K2Tog, YO *[K4, K2Tog, YO] repeat from * to 3 stitches from the end K3
Row 5: K2Tog, YO *[K4, K2Tog, YO] repeat from * to 4 stitches from the end K4
Row 6: *[YO SSK K4] repeat from * to the end
Row 7: K1 *[YO SSK K4] repeat from * to the last 3 stitches, K3
Row 8: K2 *[YO SSK K4] repeat from * to the last 2 stitches, K2
Row 9: K3 *[YO SSK K4] repeat from * to the last 1 stitch, K1
Row 10: K4 *[YO SSK K4] repeat from * to the end

Newborn: Repeat rows 1- 10, 2 more times to knit the body of the hat.

Baby: Repeat rows 1- 10, 3 more times to knit the body of the hat.

Toddler: Repeat rows 1- 10, 3 to 4 more times to knit the body of the hat.

Child: Repeat rows 1- 10, 4 to 5 more times to knit the body of the hat.

Small Adult: Repeat rows 1- 10, 4 to 6 more times to knit the body of the hat.

Large Adult: Repeat rows 1- 10, 5 to 7 more times to knit the body of the hat.

OR Until the hat is as tall as you want. If you like a shorter hat, you can stop at either row 5 or row 10.

Crown Decreases if you end on row 10:

This crown decrease adds 2.25" to the top of the hat

- Row 1: K4, K2Tog repeat to the end of the round
- Row 2: Knit the round
- Row 3: K3, K2Tog repeat to the end of the round
- Row 4: Knit the round
- Row 5: K2, K2Tog repeat to the end of the round
- Row 6: Knit the round
- Row 7: K1, K2Tog repeat to the end of the round
- Row 8: Knit the round
- Row 9: K2Tog repeat to the end of the round.
- Row 10: Knit the round

Continue Rows 9 and 10 until you have 12 to 18 stitches at the top of the hat (depending on the size you started with).

Finish with 2 rows of K2Tog for all stitches.

Cut yarn with a 10 inch tail, thread yarn through the remaining stitches, pull tight and sew in the end.

Alternate crown decreases if you end on row 5:

This crown decrease adds 2.25" to the top of the hat

- Row 1: SSK, K4, repeat to the end of the round
- Row 2: Knit the round
- Row 3: SSK, K3, repeat to the end of the round
- Row 4: Knit the round
- Row 5: SSK, K2, repeat to the end of the round
- Row 6: Knit the round
- Row 7: SSK, K1, repeat to the end of the round
- Row 8: Knit the round
- Row 9: SSK, repeat to the end of the round. Stop here for Newborn
- Row 10: Knit the round

Continue Rows 9 and 10 until you have 12 to 18 stitches at the top of the hat (depending on the size you started with).

Finish with 2 rows of SSK for all stitches.

Cut yarn with a 10 inch tail, thread yarn through the remaining stitches, pull tight and sew in the end. Sew in your starting end at the ribbing. You are done!