

Super Bulky Single Ribbed Beanie

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I wanted to knit a simple single ribbed beanie, but I couldn't find a pattern that I liked. I wanted my decreases to be in pattern to maintain the ribbing to the crown. This is not a difficult pattern, but you



should be comfortable using a cable needle or its equivalent. Using the cable needle to knit the paired decreases is what allows the rib pattern to be maintained through the decreases.

This beanie is made with super bulky weight yarn and is intended to fit close to the head.

Materials

- Pair of US 10 circular knitting needles or needles of your choice (DPNs, Single circular, Magic Loop).
 - Cable needle or means to hold a single stitch when performing the paired decrease.
 - Tapestry needle
- Markers (up to 7 depending on how you are knitting this hat)
 - 1 skein Brown Sheep Company's Lamb's Pride Bulky or Wisdom Yarns Poems Chunky in color of your choice. My actual usage for each size: Small = 55 yards; Medium = 77 yards; Large = 95 yards.
 - Your actual usage will depend on your gauge.

Gauge

19 rows / 4"; 22 stitches / 4" in 1x1 rib.

Techniques Used

- Knitting in the round.
- Paired decreases with a cable needle
- *TillyBuddy's Extra Stretchy Cast On* or other stretchy cast on that maintains a ribbed edge.



Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
K	Knit
Kn	Knit n stitches
$(...)_n$	Repeat stitches between parenthesis n times
$(...)^*$	Repeat stitches in parenthesis to end of row or group. ⁱ
K2Tog tbl	Knit 2 together through the back loop
P	Purl
Pn	Purl n stitches
PM	Place Marker
RPD	Ribbed Paired Decrease, Knit first
SL	Slip stitch purl wise
SLK	Slip stitch knit wise
RM	Remove Marker

Stitches

Tillybuddy's Extra Stretchy Cast On: This cast on is difficult to describe in words. It is a fast cast on since you are casting on stitches in pairs. This has become my favorite cast on for bottom up hats and top down socks. Directions can be found at: [Very Stretchy Cast-on for Double and Single Ribbing by Tillybuddy](#).

When you join in the round and start knitting, make sure to knit the first row close to the tips to prevent a loopy edge. Also pay extra attention to straightening your cast on stitches as this cast on has a natural tendency to spiral around the needle.

Ribbed Paired Decrease, Knit First (RPD): Slip first stitch as if to knit; place second stitch on a cable needle to rear of work; Slip first stitch back to left needle, maintaining orientation; K2tog TBL; Return stitch from cable needle to left needle; P2tog. 4 stitches have been decreased to 2 stitches while maintaining 1x1 ribbed pattern.

Sizing

This pattern comes in three sizes: **Small**, **Medium** and **Large** and is very stretchy. The hat should fit close to your head.

Small: approximately 10"-22" circumference

Medium: approximately 13"-25" circumference

Large: approximately 15"-28" circumference

Pattern Directions, Mathematical Shorthand Notation

If the mathematical notation used in this section is not your thing, standard written directions follow in section "Pattern Directions, Standard Written Directions".

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Cast On

Cast on 56 (64, 72) using *Tillybuddy's Extra Stretchy Cast On* or other stretchy cast on that maintains a ribbed edge. Divide the stitches evenly across your two circular needles (or as is appropriate for the circular knitting style you are using). Join for working in the round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Body

Round 1: (K1 P1)*.

Repeat round 1 and continue knitting until the hat measures 6 ½" from cast on edge or to desired length.

Crown Decreases

Setup Row:

- **Small:** ((K1, P1)3, PM, (K1, P1)4, PM)*. You will end up with 4 sections of 6 stitches and 4 sections of 8 stitches, alternating along the row.
- **Medium:** ((K1, P1) 4, PM)*. 8 sections of 8 stitches each.
- **Large:** ((K1, P1) 4, PM, (K1, P1) 5, PM)*. (4 sections of 8 stitches and 4 sections of 10 stitches, alternating along the row.)



Small Crown Decreases

Round 1: (K1, P1)3, RPD, (K1, P1)5, RPD, (K1, P1)5, RPD, (K1, P1)5, RPD, (K1, P1)3. (48 stitches remain)

Round 2: (K1, P1)*.

Round 3: (RPD, K1, P1)*. (32 stitches remain)

Round 4: (K1, P1)*.

Round 5: (RPD, RM)*. (16 stitches remain)

Round 6: (K1, P1)*.

Round 7: (RPD)*. (8 stitches remain)

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Medium Crown Decreases:

Round 1: (RPD, K1, P1, K1, P1)*. (48 stitches remain)

Rounds 2 & 3: (K1, P1)*.

Round 4: (RPD, K1, P1)*. (32 stitches remain)

Round 5: (K1, P1)*.

Round 6: (RPD, RM)*. (16 stitches remain)

Round 7: (K1, P1)*.

Round 8: (RPD)*. (8 stitches remain)

Large Crown Decreases:

Round 1: (K1, P1)4, RPD, (K1, P1)7, RPD, (K1, P1)7, RPD, (K1, P1)7, RPD, (K1, P1)7, RPD, (K1, P1)3. (64 stitches remain)

Round 2: (K1, P1)*.

Round 3: (RPD, K1, P1, K1, P1)*. (48 stitches remain)

Round 4: (K1, P1)*.

Round 5: (RPD, K1, P1)*. (32 stitches remain)

Round 6: (K1, P1)*.

Round 7: (RPD, RM)*. (16 stitches remain)

Round 8: (K1, P1)*.

Round 9: (RPD)*. (8 stitches remain)

Finishing

Cut off end, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through a tapestry needle and thread through the remaining 8 stitches and draw tight. Weave in ends.

Pattern Directions, Standard Written Directions

If the mathematical notation is not your thing, then use these directions. I knit my samples using the mathematical notation and have not tested the written instructions. Please let me know of any errors.

Cast On

Cast on 56 (64, 72) using *Tillybuddy's Extra Stretchy Cast On* or other stretchy cast on that maintains a ribbed edge. Divide the stitches evenly across your two circular needles (or as is appropriate for the circular knitting style you are using. Join for working in the round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Body

Round 1: Work entire row in 1x1 rib.

Repeat round 1 and continue knitting until the hat measures 6 ½" from cast on edge or to desired length.

Crown Decreases

Setup Row:

- **Small:** *repeat K1, P1 3 times, PM, repeat K1, P1 4 times, PM*; repeat from * to * until end of row. You will end up with 4 sections of 6 stitches and 4 sections of 8 stitches, alternating along the row.
- **Medium:** *repeat K1, P1 4 times, PM *; repeat from * to * until end of row. There will be 8 sections of 8 stitches each.
- **Large:** *repeat K1, P1 4 times, PM, repeat K1, P1 5 times, PM*; repeat from * to * until end of row. There will be 4 sections of 8 stitches and 4 sections of 10 stitches, alternating along the row.

Small Crown Decreases

Round 1: repeat K1, P1 3 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 5 times; RPD; K1, P1 5 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 5 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 3 times. (48 stitches remain)

Round 2: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 3: *RPD, K1, P1*; repeat for entire row. (32 stitches remain)

Round 4: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 5: *RPD, RM*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (16 stitches remain)

Round 6: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 7: repeat RPD decrease for entire row. (8 stitches remain)

Medium Crown Decreases:

Round 1: *RPD, K1, P1, K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (48 stitches remain)

Rounds 2 & 3: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 4: *RPD, K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (32 stitches remain)

Round 5: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 6: *RPD, RM*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (16 stitches remain)

Round 7: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 8: repeat RPD decrease for entire row. (8 stitches remain)

Large Crown Decreases:

Round 1: repeat K1, P1 4 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 7 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 7 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 7 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 repeat 7 times; RPD; repeat K1, P1 3 times. (64 stitches remain)

Round 2: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 3: *RPD, K1, P1, K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (48 stitches remain)

Round 4: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 5: *RPD, K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (32 stitches remain)

Round 6: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 7: *RPD, RM*; repeat from * to * for entire row. (16 stitches remain)

Round 8: *K1, P1*; repeat from * to * for entire row.

Round 9: repeat RPD decrease for entire row. (8 stitches remain)

Finishing

Cut off end, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through a tapestry needle and thread through the remaining 8 stitches and draw tight. Weave in ends.

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¹ Multiple symbols can be combined in this mathematical notation. For example, assume that we have 56 stitches in a round and we have the following row description: ((K1, P1)³, PM, (K1, P1)⁴, PM)*. If we break down the row description into pieces, we have the following stitches (K1, P1)³. This expands to K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1 or 3 repeats of the K1, P1 pair. The stitch description (K1, P1)⁴ would expand to 4 repeats of the K1, P1 pair. Now if we expand the stitches within the outer parenthesis we have (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, PM, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, PM)*. The star indicates we repeat as many times as necessary. Since no additional stitch descriptions follow, we repeat to the end of the row. In the case of a 56 stitch row, these stitches will be repeated 4 times.