

Braid Lace Cap

Designed for the [Purple Cap Campaign](#); a campaign to raise awareness of shaken baby syndrome.

If you are knitting for the Purple Cap Campaign at least 50% of the cap must be some shade of purple and please make the smallest size.

Pattern is worked entirely in the round and is sized from newborn to adult. The patterns are both charted and written.

Materials: 3.75mm US #5 dpn's (small sizes) or 16 in circ for the band; 4.0mm US#6 circ and dpn's for the body and crown; 60 to 160 yds of DK weight yarn, samples shown – newborn size in Drops Karisma and Adult size in Rowan Cashmere Tweed; markers and the regular notions.



Sizes: Preemie/Newborn (14/15 inches around), Baby/Toddler (16/17 inches around), Child/Teen (18/19 inches around) and Adult (20/21 inches around).

Gauge: 18 sts in 4 inches in lace pattern – stretched; 24 sts in 4 inches in lace pattern with no stretching. Swatch was worked on 4.0mm needles, or use needle size necessary to get gauge.

Abbreviations: **M1P** – Make 1 stitch by using your right needle and lifting the running yarn between the last stitch on the right needle and the first stitch on the left needle, placing the yarn onto the left needle and purl into the back of the yarn to twist it closed and make a new stitch. **YO** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your right-hand needle to form a new stitch. **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **P2tog** – purl 2 stitches together. **pm** – Place Marker. **slm** – Slip the marker with your needle as you come to it.

Pattern

Notes on working with this pattern.

There are two decrease patterns for the crown; one is faster (decreasing every third round) and is used for the two smaller sizes and one is slower (decreasing every fourth round) and is used for the two larger sizes.

These decrease patterns are totally interchangeable – want a slightly longer/bigger hat for the newborn use the second decrease pattern – want a slightly shorter/smaller adult hat use the first decrease pattern.

Working with smaller needles Cast-on 71 (85, 97, 111) sts. Being careful not to twist the cast-on connect into a round and work seed st, (K1, P1) for the next 5 (6, 7, 7) rounds. Because of the uneven number of sts cast-on the (K1, P1) repeat from the beginning to the end of every round will create the seed st pattern.

Increase Round;

Newborn – (P10, M1P) 7 times to last st, K1 – 78 sts.

Baby/Toddler – (P17, M1P) 5 times – 90 sts.

Child/Teen – (K11, M1P) 9 times – 108 sts.

Adult – (K12, M1P) 9 times to last 3 sts, K3 – 120 sts.

Switch to larger needles.

Braid Lace Cap Body; Written Pattern

Work rounds 1 to 6; 3 (5, 6, 7) times before starting the crown shaping.

Round 1: *P2, k1, yo, ssk, k1; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Round 2: *P2, k2, yo, ssk; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Round 3: *P2, k4; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Round 4: *P2, k1, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Round 5: *P2, k2tog, yo, k2; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Round 6: *P2, k4; repeat from * 13 (15, 18, 20) times around the body of the hat.

Braid Lace Cap Body; Charted Pattern

Work Rounds 1 to 6; 3 (5, 6, 7) times before starting the crown shaping.

Note – read all chart rounds from right to left.

Crown Shaping; Written Pattern

Preemie/Newborn and Baby/Tod Dec Pattern

Round 1: *P2tog, k1, yo, ssk, k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 65 (75) sts.

Round 2: *P1, k2, yo, ssk k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat

Round 3: *P1, k4 k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat.

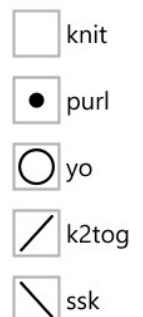
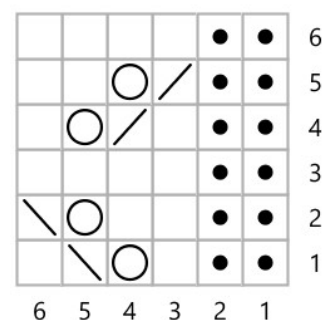
Round 4: *P, ssk, yo, k2tog k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 52 (60) sts.

Round 5: *P, k3 k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat.

Round 6: *P1, k1, yo, k2tog k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat.

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Round 7: *P1, ssk, k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 39 (45) sts.
 Rounds 8 - 9: *P1, k2 k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 10: *P1, k2tog k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 26 (30) sts.
 Rounds 11 - 12: *P1, k1 k1; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 13: *K2tog; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 13 (15) st.
 Round 14: Knit one round.
 Round 15: *K2tog; repeat from * 6 (7) times around the crown of the hat, end K1 – 7 (8) sts.

Cut yarn and thread back through remaining sts. Push end to inside.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and block lightly to open up the lace pattern.

Newborn and Baby/Tod Dec Pattern

Key

Crown Shaping; Charted Pattern

Preemie/Newborn and Baby/Tod Dec Pattern

Work rounds 1 to 12 from Chart.

Work chart repeat 13 (15) times around crown of hat.

Note – Read all chart rounds from right to left.

After working round 12 of chart work rounds 13 to 15 as written below.

Round 13: *K2tog; repeat from * 13 (15) times around the crown of the hat – 13 (15) st.

Round 14: Knit one round.

Round 15: *K2tog; repeat from * 6 (7) times around the crown of the hat, end K1 – 7 (8) sts.

Cut yarn and thread back through remaining sts. Push end to inside.

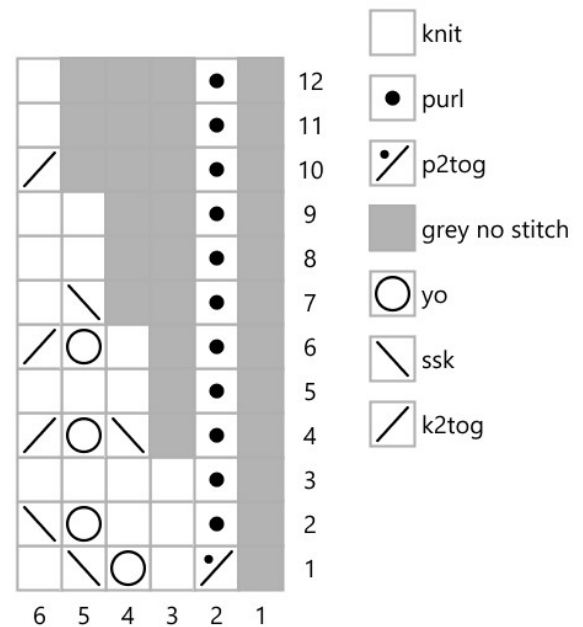
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Crown Shaping; Written Pattern

Child/Teen and Adult Pattern

Round 1: P2tog, k1, yo, ssk, k1; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 90 (100) sts.
 Round 2: P1, k2, yo, ssk ; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 3: P1, k4; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 4: P1, k1, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 5: P1, k2tog, yo, k2tog; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 72 (80) sts.
 Round 6: P1, k3; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 7: P1, k1, yo, k2tog; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 8: P1, ssk, yo, k1; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 9: P1, ssk, k1; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 54 (60) sts.
 Rounds 10 - 12: P1, k2; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.
 Round 13: P1, k2tog; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 36 (40) sts.



Rounds 14 - 16: P1, k1; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat.

Round 17: *K2tog; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 18 (20) sts.

Round 18: Knit one round.

Round 19: *K2tog; repeat from * 9 (10) times around the crown of the hat, end K1 – 9 (10) sts.

Cut yarn and thread back through remaining sts. Push end to inside.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and block lightly to open up the lace pattern.

Child/Teen and Adult Decrease Pattern

Key

Crown Shaping; Charted Pattern

Child/Teen and Adult Decrease Pattern

Work rounds 1 to 16 from Chart.

Work chart repeat 18 (20) times around crown of hat.

Note – Read all chart rounds from right to left.

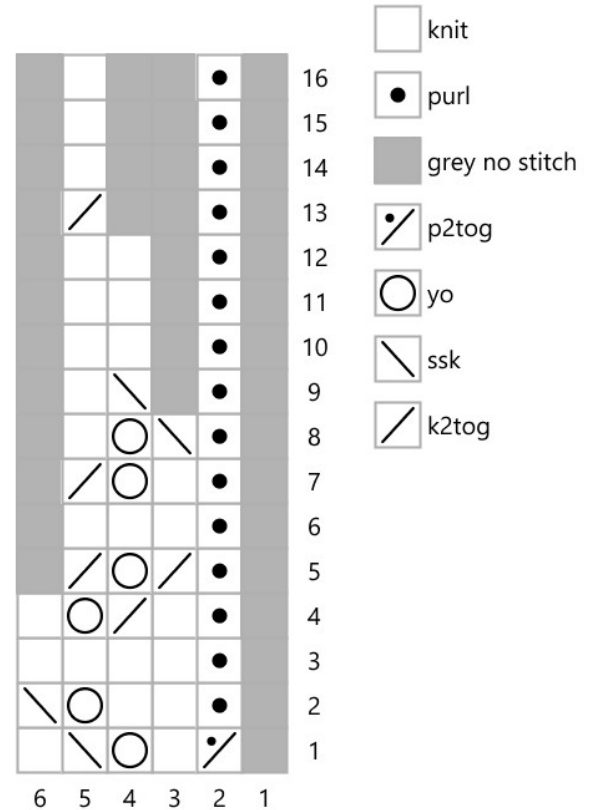
After working round 16 of chart work rounds 17 to 19 as written below.

Round 17: *K2tog; repeat from * 18 (20) times around the crown of the hat – 18 (20) st.

Round 14: Knit one round.

Round 15: *K2tog; repeat from * 9 (10) times around the crown of the hat, end K1 – 9 (10) sts.

Cut yarn and thread back through remaining sts. Push end to inside.



Finishing

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