

## BLIZZARD RIDGE BIG SLOUCHIE HAT

*A really big hat!*

" This is becoming my fave sitting-at-the-computer-where-it's-cold hat. Covers forehead, ears, back of the neck in cozy but lightweight warmth -- sort of like a giant wooly shower cap! However, if you would prefer an overall smaller size, use a smaller needle, e.g. size 8 (5 mm) & 10 (7 mm), or even size 8 (5 mm) throughout. Also, see Finishing Note at end of pattern for the possibility of felting the hat to reduce the size."

**Skill level:**  EASY

**Finished size:** One size (Teen/Adult) – 21” brim circumference (unstretched), will stretch up to 25” circumference ; 9” deep (unstretched) ; 12.5” diameter (flat)

### Materials:

250 yds. worsted wt.  wool or wool-blend yarn

Sample shown in Brown Sheep Lamb’s Pride Worsted (85% wool/15% mohair – 190 yds. per skein) – color M-51 Winter Blue

Circular needles (16” length) in size 8 (5 mm) and size 11 (8 mm) -- or size needed to achieve gauge

Set of 4 (or 5) double-pointed needles (dpns) size 11 (8 mm)

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker

**Gauge:** 12 sts & 16 rows = 4” in stockinette st on size 11 (8 mm) needles

**Terms/Abbreviations:** beginning (beg), bind off (BO), cast on (CO), knit (k), knit two together (k2tog), loop (lp), purl (p), purl two together (p2tog), repeat (rep), skip (sk), slip (sl), stitch (st), yarn over (yo)

### Pattern notes:

Hat is worked in-the-round from ribbing to crown, in alternating bands of stockinette and reverse stockinette stitch. Stitches are increased just above the ribbing and are decreased at top of crown.

A row counter is useful for keeping track of rounds in this pattern.

**Special stitches:**

Make one (M1) increase: make backwards loop of yarn over right thumb and place it on to right needle. Knit into this new stitch when you come to it on next round.

Hat

With smaller circular needle, CO 72 sts. Join for circular knitting, placing marker to note beginning of rounds.

Ribbing:

Rnds 1-6: \*K2, p2, rep from \* around.

Hat body:

Rnd 7: K.

Change to larger circular needle.

Rnd 8: K.

Rnd 9 (inc rnd): \*K1, M1, k1, k2, rep from \* around (90 sts)

Rnd 10: K.

Rnd 11 (inc rnd): \*K3, k1, M1, k1, rep from \* around (108 sts)

Rnd 12: K.

Rnds 13-15: P.

Rnds 16-18: K.

Rnds 19-42: Rep Rnds 13-18.

Begin crown decreases:

Note: change to dpns when sts no longer fit comfortably on circular needle.

Rnd 43 (dec rnd): \*P25, p2tog, rep from \* around (104 sts)

Rnd 44: P.

Rnd 45 (dec rnd): \*P24, p2tog, rep from \* around (100 sts)

Rnd 46: K.

Rnd 47 (dec rnd): \*K8, k2tog, rep from \* around (90 sts)

Rnd 48: K.

Rnd 49 (dec rnd): \*P7, p2tog, rep from \* around (80 sts)

Rnd 50: P.

Rnd 51 (dec rnd): \*P6, p2tog, rep from \* around (70 sts)

Rnd 52: K.

Rnd 53 (dec rnd): \*K5, k2tog, rep from \* around (60 sts)

Rnd 54: K.

Rnd 55 (dec rnd): \*P4, p2tog, rep from \* around (50 sts)

Rnd 56: P.

Rnd 57 (dec rnd): \*P3, p2tog, rep from \* around (40 sts)

Rnd 58: K.

Rnd 59 (dec rnd): \*K2, k2tog, rep from \* around (30 sts)

Rnd 60 (dec rnd): \*K1, k2tog, rep from \* around (20 sts)

Rnd 61 (dec rnd): \*K2tog, rep from \* around (10 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving 12" tail. Run tail through rem sts on ndl and gather to close.  
Weave in all tails.

Finishing note: if your hat is a bit too baggy and is made of 100% wool, it can be  
fulled or felted carefully to reduce the overall size.

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