

The Riley Hat

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My cousin Rachel had a baby, and I wanted to make something special for her little girl. This hat and the matching socks I knitted were intended to go with the [Helena](#) sweater my mother made. The simplicity of the lace pattern makes this a good choice for a lace novice!

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this pattern, or to get any feedback you might have. My email address is miracb @ gmail . com (remove the spaces) or miraclaire on Ravelry.

Size: This hat was originally written to be 16" in circumference when finished. Instructions for larger sizes (18", 20", and 22") are written in parentheses. The 16" size will probably fit a toddler, with 22" big enough for most adults.

Yarn: Filatura Di Crosa Baby Zarina in colorway 301 (1 skein, 181 yds/50g). One skein should be enough for even the biggest size.

Gauge: 4¼ stitches to the inch over stockinette stitch.

Needles: One US5 16" circular needle and four or five (depending on your personal preference) US5 dpns. You may need to adjust your needle size to get the gauge listed above.

You will also need a tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Abbreviations:

CO – cast on

dpns – double-pointed needles

k – knit

k2tog – knit two stitches together

ssk – slip two stitches knitwise, then knit them together

st st – stockinette stitch

YO – yarn over

Directions:

CO 264 (308, 352, 396) stitches.

Ruffle:

Row 1: k across

Row 2: *k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row

Row 3: Repeat row 2. You will have 66 (77, 88, 99) stitches left on the needles.

Rows 4-8: k across

Lace:

Row 1: *k3, k2tog, YO, k, YO, ssk, k3, repeat from * to end of the row.

Row 2: *k2, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk, k2, repeat from * to end of the row.

Row 3: *k1, k2tog, YO, k5, YO, ssk, k1, repeat from * to end of the row.

Row 4: *k2tog, YO, k7, YO, ssk, repeat from * to end of the row.

Repeat these four rows 3 (4, 5, 6) more times.

Decrease:

Row 1: *k9, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 60 (70, 80, 90) stitches remaining.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18: k across

Row 3: *k8, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 54 (63, 72, 81) stitches remaining.

Row 5: *k7, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 48 (56, 64, 72) stitches remaining.

Row 7: *k6, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 42 (49, 56, 63) stitches remaining.

Row 9: *k5, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 36 (42, 48, 54) stitches remaining.

Row 11: *k4, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 30 (35, 40, 45) stitches remaining.

Row 13: *k3, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 24 (28, 32, 36) stitches remaining.

Row 15: *k2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 18 (21, 24, 27) stitches remaining.

Row 17: *k1, k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 12 (14, 16, 18) stitches remaining.

Row 19: * k2tog, repeat from * to end of the row. You will have 6 (7, 8, 9) stitches remaining.

Finishing:

Cut a long tail. Using a tapestry needle, thread the tail through the remaining stitches, and pull them tight. Weave in ends, and block gently.