Nimbus

Nimbus means a luminous cloud or halo around a supernatural being or a large gray rain cloud. I designed this hat to have a cable crown to show the world your inner supernatural strength. Not only on the good days but also on the days when a gray rain cloud may be hovering over you.

This hat was designed on smaller needles to create a very dense fabric. I did this intentionally. It has been my personal experience with knit hats that they tend to stretch with time. The goal for having such tight stitches and a dense fabric is to try and keep this from happening. If you are a loose knitter and tend to go down a needle size, I do not recommend that with this particular pattern. If you are looking for a lighter and stretchy type of fabric then I recommend going up a needle size.

What you will need

Needles:
- US Size 2 /2.75mm 16" Circular Needles (or size required for gauge)
- US Size 4/ 3.5mm 16" Circular Needles (or size required for gauge)
- US Size 4/ 3.5 mm DPN's or longer cable for magic loop method when doing the crown shaping

Yarn:
This hat is knit holding two strands of yarns together. The green sample uses one strand of sport weight and one strand of fingering weight. Lighter hat sample was made with one strand of DK and one strand of Mohair Lace. One of the yarns used in both hats has mohair which adds a beautiful halo to the finished hat.

Samples:
The green hat uses Pandia's Jewels Snazzy Sport (80/20 SW Merino/ Nylon; 328yds/ 100g) in color Gray Pearl. And Pandia's Jewels Nimbus Fingering Base (69/22/9 Silk/ Mohair/ Nylon 382yds/ 100g) in color Peppermint Mocha which is a seasonal color only offered once a year.

Lighter hat uses Pandia's Jewels Dazzle DK (75/20/5 Merino/Nylon/Stellina; 231yds/ 100g) in color Rose Hips & Tea Cups. And Pandia's Jewels Mohair Lace (70/30 Mohair/Nylon; 500yds/ 48g) in color Gray Pearl.
Both samples are an Adult S/M.

Yardage Used:
Green Hat (Short version)
Sport Weight: 135 (175) yds
Fingering Weight: 160 (180) yds

Lighter Hat (Long Version)
DK Weight: 170 (185) yds
Mohair Lace: 180 (195) yds

Please keep in mind that these are general yardage measurements. The amount of yardage required will change depending upon if you make the small or larger version and if you make your hat short or slouchy.

Gauge:

12 sts and 18 rows = 2" in 2x2 rib on smaller needles.

Finished Sizes:

Adult S/M (L/XL)
Finished Circumference Unstretched
17.25" (19.25")

Additional Notions:

Stitch Markers
Cable Needle (optional)
Darning Needle
Pompom (optional)

Brim

Using smaller size needle CO 108 (120)sts using the German Twisted Cast On Method. There are several instructional videos on YouTube that demonstrates this method.

Place marker and join to begin working in the round. Be careful to make sure your stitches are not twisted.

Round 1: *K2, p2, repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Round 1 and continue to work a 2X2 rib until the brim reaches 2" from CO edge.

Switch to larger needles

Next Round: Repeat Round 1

Hat Body

In this section you will begin to work the cable section of the hat creating a nice crown. Keep in mind that on Rounds 8 & 21 your beginning of the round marker will shift to the left at the beginning of the round. In this instance you will be knitting those sts twice; once at the beginning and then again at the end of the round. These rounds have been highlighted in the written instructions for your convenience.

Begin chart (on page 6) or follow written instructions below.

Note: make sure not to work your cables to tightly or it will be difficult for the hat to stretch when worn. If this is the case you may want to go up a needle size.

Round 1: * 2/2 LPC, k2, 2/2 RPC, p2; repeat from * to end. 108 (120) sts

Round 2: *P2, k6, p4; repeat from * to end.

Round 3: * P2, 2/1 LC, 2/1 RC, p4; repeat from * to end.

Round 4: * P2, k6, p4; repeat from * to end.

Round 5: *P1, 1/1 RPC, 2/2 LC, 1/1 LPC, p3; repeat from * to end.

Round 6: * P1, k1, p1, k4, p1, k1, p3; repeat from * to end.

Round 7: *1/1 RPC, p1, k4, p1, 1/1 LPC, p2; repeat from * to end.

Round 8: RM, K1, PM, * p2, k4, p2, k1, p2, k1; repeat from * to last 12 sts, p2, k4, p2, k1, p2, k1.

Round 9: * P2, 2/2 LC, p2, 1/1 LPC, 1/1 RPC; repeat from * to end.

Round 10: * P2, k4, p3, k2, p1; repeat from * to end.

Round 11: * P2, k4, p3, 1/1 LC, p1; repeat from * to end.

Round 12: * P2, k4, p3, Wrapped Bobble, p1; repeat from * to end.

Round 13: * P2, 2/2 LC, p6; repeat from * to end.

Rounds 14 - 16: * P2, k4, p6; repeat from * to end.

Round 17: Repeat round 13.

Round 18: Repeat round 14.

Round 19: * 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, p4; repeat from * to end.

Round 20: * K8, p4; repeat from * to end.

Round 21: RM, k2, PM, * K4, 2/2 LC, 2/2 RC; repeat from * to end.

Round 22: Knit all the sts.

Round 23: * K6, 2/2 LC, k2; repeat from * to end.

Round 24: *K8, wrapped bobble, k2; repeat from * to end.

Round 25: Knit all the sts.

Repeat last round 11 more times.

It is at this point in the pattern that you can add more repeats to make your hat longer and slouchy if you would like. For the lighter hat I did 20 repeats of Row 25. Keep in mind that if you add more or less repeats at this point the yardage required will be more or less than mentioned at the beginning of the pattern.

Crown Shaping

In this section you will begin to work the crown section of your hat by completing a series of decreased rounds. It may be easier to switch to DPN's or a larger circular cable and magic loop to complete this section.

Keep in mind that on several rounds your beginning of the round marker will shift to the left at the end of these rounds. In this instance you will be knitting those sts twice; once at the beginning and then again at the end of the round. These rounds have been highlighted in the written instructions for your convenience.

Round 1: * K8, ssk, k2; repeat from * to end. 99 (110) sts.

Rounds 2-3: Knit.

Round 4: * K8, ssk, k1; repeat from * to end. 90 (100)sts.

Rounds 5-6: Knit.

Round 7: * K8, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 81(90)sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: * K7, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 72 (80) sts.

Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: * K6, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 63 (70)sts.

Round 12: Knit.

Round 13: * K5, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 54 (60)sts.

Round 14: Knit.

Round 15: * K4, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 45 (50)sts.

Round 16: Knit.

Round 17: * K3, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 36 (40)sts.

Round 18: Knit.

Round 19: * K2, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 27 (30)sts.

Round 20: * K1, ssk; repeat from * to end, RM, k1, PM. 18 (20)sts.
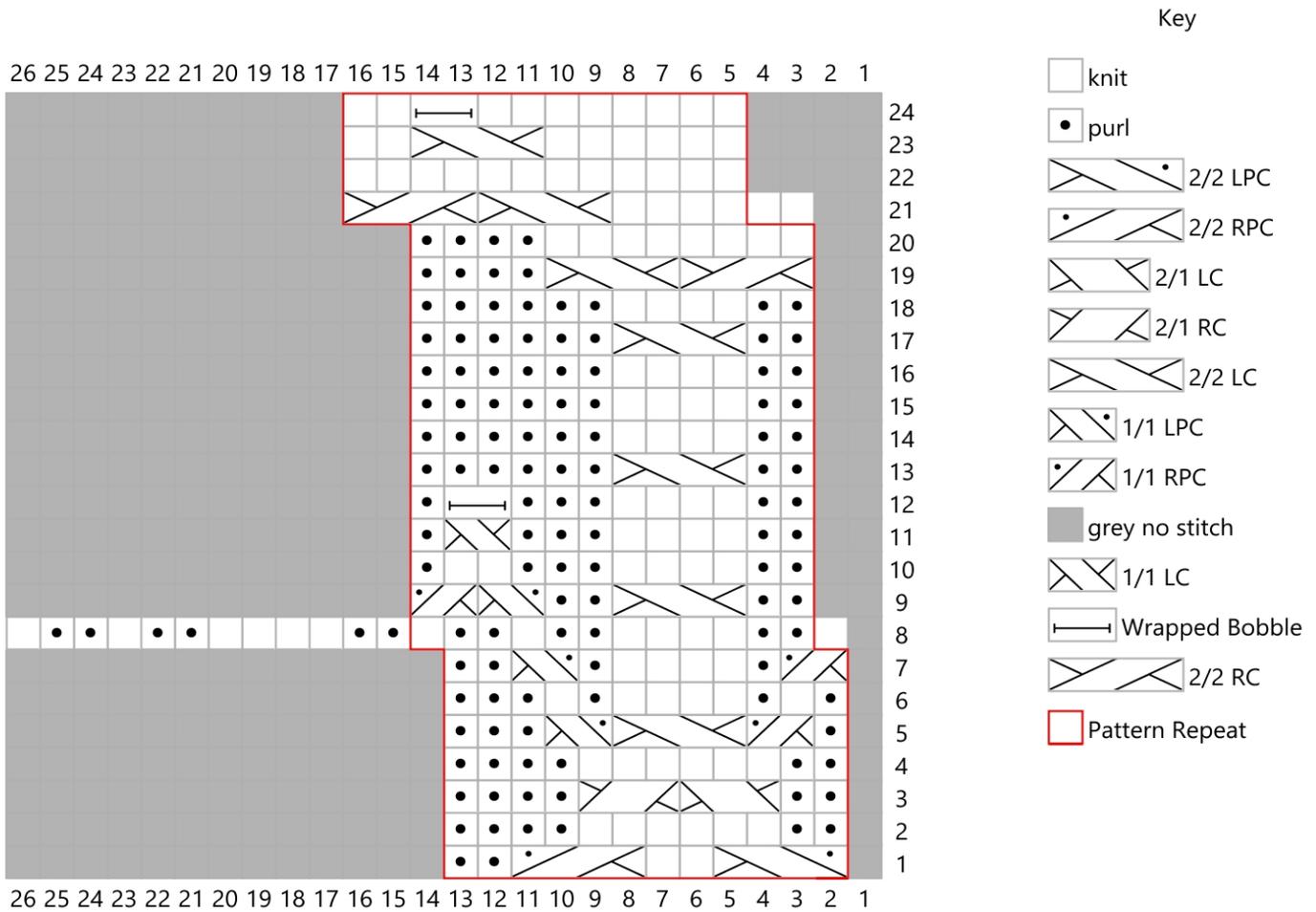
Round 21: *Ssk; repeat from * to end. 9 (10)sts.

Finishing

Cut the yarn leaving a 5-6'' tail and thread on to a tapestry needle. Work tapestry needle through the remaining stitches, removing knitting needles as you go. Draw the yarn through these stitches 1-2 more times and cinch closed. Tie off and weave in ends on wrong side as well as weaving in any remaining ends. You may wet block this hat if desired to smooth out stiches around the cable section. Attach a pompom if so desired and enjoy.

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Key

☐	knit
•	purl
⟋⟍	2/2 LPC
⟋⟍	2/2 RPC
⟍⟍	2/1 LC
⟋⟋	2/1 RC
⟋⟍	2/2 LC
⟍⟍	1/1 LPC
⟋⟋	1/1 RPC
▦	grey no stitch
⟋⟍	1/1 LC
⊢⊣	Wrapped Bobble
⟋⟍	2/2 RC
☐	Pattern Repeat

Stitches

2/2 LPC: sl 2 sts to CN, hold to front, p2, k2 from CN
2/2 RPC: sl 2 sts to CN, hold to back, k2, p2 from CN
2/2 LC: sl 2 sts onto CN, hold in front, k2, k2 from CN
2/2 RC: sl 2 sts to CN, hold to back, k2, k2 from CN
2/1 LC: sl 2 sts onto CN, hold in front, k1, k2 from CN
2/1RC: sl 1 st onto CN, hold in back, k2, k1 from CN
1/1LC: sl 1 st onto CN, hold in front, k1, k1 from CN
1/1 LPC: sl 1 st onto CN, hold in front, p1, k1 from CN
1/1 RPC: sl 1 st onto CN, hold in back, k1, p1 from CN

Wrapped Bobble: Transfer 2 sts from left needle to CN and hold to the front, wrap working yarn around these 2 sts counter clockwise 4 times, slip sts from CN to right needle. *Note:* when doing this bobble try not to make your wraps too tight as it will make it difficult to knit into the slipped sts on the following round.

Abbreviations

BO = Bind Off
CO = Cast On
CN = Cable Needle
K = Knit
P = Purl
PM = Place Marker
K = Knit
RM = Remove Marker
sl = slip
St(s) = Stitch(es)
SSK = Slip, slip, knit