

STASH'S Stellar Hat



Skill level
BRAVE MAKER

PEEPS SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH KNITTING IN THE ROUND, BASIC RIBBING, AND SEED STITCH!

A charming seed stitch hat with a six point star on the crown, designed to show off the supreme squish factor of indie dyed bulky yarn! We've made this hat in both [Lily & Pine Oak Bulky](#) and [Ancient Arts Big Squeeze](#) and we can attest that they are both exceptionally awesome.

Glossary:

K - Knit | **P** - Purl | **CO** - Cast On | **st(s)** - Stitches

K2Tog - Knit 2 stitches together (decrease)

P2Tog - Purl 2 stitches together (decrease)

CDD - Centered double decrease: slip 2 stitches knitwise at the same time onto your right needle. Knit 1 stitch. Pass the slipped stitches (at the same time) over the freshly knit stitch.

Size & Gauge:

One size fits most adults! 13 stitches x 20 rows = 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) in seed stitch on larger needles. We made our sample a little slouchy using a 6.5mm needle, but you can totes make it fitted by using a smaller needle. If you want to make a smaller hat, disregard this gauge and wing it! (Try a 5.5mm needle.)

Yarn:

- 1 skein of [bulky weight yarn](#) (approx. 100 yards)
We used [Lily & Pine Oak Bulky](#) in "Erin Blue"

Needles n' Notions:

- 5mm (US 8) 16"/40cm [circular](#) needle
- 6.5mm (US 10) 16"/40cm [circular](#) needle
- 6.5mm (US 10) [double pointed needles](#)
- Removable stitch marker
- Darning needle for weaving in ends
- [Faux fur pom pom](#) (optional!)

Brim:

CO 66 stitches onto smaller needles using a long tail cast on. Join your work in the round, being careful not to twist your work. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of round.

Work in (K3, P3) ribbing until your piece measures 2.5" (5cm) from the cast on edge.

Body:

Switch to larger circular needle. **Pro tip** - you can just start working the next row with it. No slidin' stitches around!

Round 1: (K1, P1) until the end of round.

Round 2: (P1, K1) until end of round - Make sure you're always purling on top of the knit stitches and knitting on top of the purl stitches from the previous round. This will create a seed stitch pattern and not that pesky ribbing...

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until your hat measures 7" (18cm) from the cast on edge.

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Pro Tip: with seed stitch, it's important to occasionally look at your work and make sure that you are "in pattern." If you fall out of pattern with the seed stitch then it will flip to ribbing and break the look of the pattern. This will make you sad. Don't be sad, be smart and check in with your work! **If it doesn't look like this, something's amiss!**

Decrease:

This hat uses a centered double decrease technique (CDD) that will create a lovely, raised 6 point star without a spiral effect. Trust us, it is awesome!

Note: On every third round, you will not knit the last stitch for that round. Instead, it will be used at the start of the next round to make your first CDD stack up nicely. We have emphasized this funky little step in bold lettering to remind you to do it.

Round 1: (CDD, work in seed stitch for 8 sts) repeat to end of round.

Round 2: Work in seed stitch, **but** be sure to knit the CDD stitches as you work along.

Round 3: Work in seed stitch, **but** be sure to knit the CDD stitches as you work along. **Stop 1 stitch before the marker, leaving that last stitch unknit. Remove marker from left needle,**

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and place it on the right needle to mark your new beginning of round.

Round 4: CDD using the unknit stitch from the last round. Work in seed stitch for 6 stitches. (CDD, work in seed stitch for 6 stitches) repeat from (to) to end of round.

Round 5: Repeat round 2.

Round 6: Work in seed stitch, **but** be sure to knit the CDD stitches as you work along. **Stop 1 stitch before the marker, leaving that last stitch unknit. Remove marker from left needle, and place it on the right needle to mark your new beginning of round.**

Round 7: CDD using the unknit stitch from the last round. Work in seed stitch for 4 stitches. (CDD, work in seed stitch for 4 stitches) repeat from (to) to end of round.

Round 8: Repeat round 2.

Round 9: Work in seed stitch, **but** be sure to knit the CDD stitches as you work along. **Stop 1 stitch before the marker, leaving that last stitch unknit. Remove marker from left needle, and place it on the right needle to mark your new beginning of round.**

Round 10: CDD using the unknit stitch from the last round. Work in seed stitch for 2 stitches. (CDD, work in seed stitch for 2 stitches) repeat from (to) to end of round.

Round 11: Repeat round 2.

Round 12: Work in seed stitch, **but** be sure to knit the CDD stitches as you work along. **Stop 1 stitch before the marker, leaving that last stitch unknit. Remove marker from left needle,**

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and place it on the right needle to mark your new beginning of round.

Round 13: CDD using the unknit stitch from the last round. (CDD) repeat from (to) to end of round.

Do not cast off the remaining stitches. Instead, cut your working yarn leaving a long tail (about 8-10" or 20-25 cm should do it!) Thread the tail onto your darning needle and string the tail through all remaining stitches. Cinch the stitches together tightly. Turn your hat inside out and weave in the ends! We recommend steam blocking your hat - it does wonders for your work and will only take a bit of extra time.

Tie on a big faux fur pom pom and give yourself a high five because you've just finished the Stellar Hat!

This nifty pattern was designed by STASHy peep, Veronica!

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