

## Slip Stitch Spiral Hat



This hat is knit in a long biased rectangle which moves along the needlebed and then has the crown knit in place.

Samples were knit with Yeoman Cashmilon, 44 g. On my Singer 700 the main tension was 7 but on my Brother 940 it would be T8.

The hat is 20"/51 cm around and 8"/20.5 cm high. The lower edge can be turned up for a brim if desired.



Knit a sample first to see how your hat fits when knit with these numbers. To increase the height, you could add 6 more stitches on the first row if you are happy with the width as given. To make it wider, either knit another 10 rows, increase the tension or when you reach the left side of the needlebed use a garter bar to reposition the work and knit more repeats.

The slip stitch pattern is created with Card 1 locked on a row or SW 461 locked with the CR button. To have both the end stitches knit, lock on a even numbered row when using an odd number of stitches.



To knit:

- cast on with waste yarn and ravel cord over 89 stitches from R12 to R100
- with the main yarn and tension, knit 2 rows
- RC000, \*COR, set the carriage to slip in both directions and knit 6 rows
- COR, set the carriage to knit in both directions, pull a new needle into work on the left to increase and decrease on the right by moving the end stitch in to the next needle, knit 1 row; repeat this shaping for a total of 4 times\*; RC010
- the 10-row repeat means the RC now ends in 0 again so repeat from \* to \* until RC250
- end after a shaped knit section, leave a main yarn tail 3 times the width of the work^ and remove on waste yarn

Note the purl side is the right side

- Crown: with the slip side facing you, pick up the increased side of the rectangle over 102 stitches by picking up 1 stitch next to the waste yarn on each side, 2 loops from each stocking stitch section on 2 needles, and 2 loops from each slip stitch section on 2 needles (just pick up one leg of each loop)
- work a crochet cast-on or e-wrap in front of the work to hide the pick-ups and make it look neater

- MT-1, knit 4 rows; transfer every third stitch to its neighbour and push the empty needles out of work
- MT-2, knit 4 rows; transfer every other stitch and push the empty needles out of work
- MT-3, knit 2 rows
- cut a long tail and with it threaded in a tapestry needle and doubled, gather the stitches off but do not tighten up yet
  
- Side seam: with the slip side facing you, hang the first row of the rectangle over 89 needles and put the stitches behind the latches
- hang the last row into the hooks
- pull the stitches through manually
- backstitch bind-off with the tail^
  
- to finish, sew the crown seam and and gather tightly

