



# Stair Stepper Slouch Hat

Materials: 1 skein Rios by Malabrigo (approx 230 yds)

Needles: US 8 16" circular and double pointed

Gauge over pattern stitch: 5.5 sts/inch

Size: Adult

Note: because the ribbing has quite a bit of stretch in it, you'll find that this hat can fit a variety of head sizes comfortably.

If you decide you want to change the size at all, this pattern is a multiple of 8 sts so you'd need to add or subtract stitches in increments of 8! Or you could use a slightly larger gauge yarn (like an aran weight) for a bigger hat or substitute a d.k. gauge yarn for a smaller hat!

## Directions:

Cast on 96 sts. Place marker to indicate beginning and join in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches.

Work k1 p1 ribbing for 3" (or desired length to suit your tastes).

Follow chart, repeating the first 16 rows 2—3 times depending on how deep you want the hat to be.

I did 3 repeats on the store model.

Begin decreases as per chart beginning on row 17. On each decrease round AFTER the first one, you will need to start the decrease round 1 stitch to the right (so you'll be starting each decrease round by working the stitches on either side of the marker together. I found it easiest to move the marker 1 stitch to the right each time I began a decrease row.

Once you reach the top row after the final decrease row, you will have 12 sts remaining. K2together around once—6 sts. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail, pull the tail thru the remaining stitches, pull tightly, tuck tail to inside of hat and weave in end.

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**Key:**

1 means to knit  
 - means to purl

↘ = purl 2 together

↙ = knit 2 together OR  
 work an SSK if the knit stitch is  
 the first of the 2 sts you are  
 working together (do a k2tog  
 here if the "knit" stitch is the 2nd  
 of the 2 sts you are working to-  
 gether).

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|----|---------------------------------|
| 16 | These 16 rows form the pat-     |
| 15 | tern repeat.                    |
| 14 | Repeat these rows 2-3 times     |
| 13 | before starting the decreases.  |
| 12 |                                 |
| 11 | Whether you repeat 2 or 3       |
| 10 | times will depend on how big    |
| 9  | of a ribbing you knit, how      |
| 8  | deep or shallow you like        |
| 7  | your hat. And if you want a     |
| 6  | slouch to the hat, you'll defi- |
| 5  | nately want to repeat these 16  |
| 4  | rows 3                          |
| 3  | times ON TOP OF a 3-4"          |
| 2  | ribbing!                        |
| 1  | The point is you want to start  |
|    | your decreases after a row      |
|    | 16.                             |