

Spiral Hat by Ms Yarn (Catherine)

This loom knitting pattern is accessible for people who have low vision, people who are print challenged, and people who use screen readers.

This was tested for screen readers using the read out loud function in Adobe Acrobat.

It is accessible because I use all black sans serif font in 24 point size.

There is no extra formatting, and I use one inch margins.

All directions are fully written out, so the knitter does not need a knitting chart.



Image description: Yellow thickly knit beanie with short ribbed brim, and spiral-patterned body on a mannequin head outside on the grass. The spiral is pronounced, thanks to protruding loops. This project has a descriptive YouTube video, but some of the information in the video can only be seen by sighted knitters.

The video is fully captioned and is accessible for people with hearing impairments.

[Link to YouTube video.](#)

Materials.

For the materials, you need a 41 peg round loom.

The pegs are spaced thirteen sixteenths of an inch apart.

For the yarn, I used one ball of #6 Wool Ease Thick and Quick which is 106 yards or 97 metres long. I used a yellow colour called Mustard.

You will also need a hook, a pair of scissors, and a yarn needle, and you may need stitch markers or loom markers to help you with the rib stitch brim.

Finished size.

The circumference of the body of hat when lying flat is 18 inches or 43 centimetres.

The length of the hat is 8.5 inches or 21 centimetres.

Gauge.

The gauge is 10 stitches and 14 rows for 4 inches or 10 centimetres of the spiral pattern.

Notes.

The video and the instructions below assume you are working clockwise.

All knit stitches in this pattern are made using the e-wrap knit stitch.

The spiral is created using a “left twist” which means you’ll take two loops and make them switch places. This technique may also be known as “left cross” or “cable 2 front.”

Instructions.

Mark loom.

The rib stitch brim is made by doing a Knit 1, Purl 1 sequence, so you can mark your pegs to help you remember.

Cast on.

Do an e-wrap cast on by wrapping all pegs, then re-wrapping all pegs and knitting over all the bottom loops. Feel free to use a different cast on if you prefer.

Brim.

Round 1: Knit 1, Purl 1. Repeat to end. The last stitch, which is on peg 41, will be knit.

Repeat Round 1 for a total of 5 times to complete the brim.

Spiral Body.

Round 6: Knit entire round.

Note that the repeat begins on round 7.

Round 7: You will do the six-stitch repeat as follows:

Knit on pegs 1 to 4.

Make the left twist by picking up the loop on peg 6, untwisting it, and holding it in the back with your fingers or a cable needle.

Pick up the loop on peg 5, untwist it, and put it on peg 6.

Put the loop in the back on to peg 5.

That's the left twist. That's the end of the six-stitch repeat.

Do this repeat over and over again. This six-stitch repeat will shift over by one peg every time you start a new round. This creates the spiral.

Complete rounds 7 to 26 for the spiral body.

Crown decrease.

Round 27: Do a quick crown decrease in order to decrease from 41 stitches to 21 stitches. Move the loops on all even pegs over to the odd pegs on the right.

So put the loop on peg 2 onto peg 1, and knit on peg 1. Put the loop on peg 4 onto peg 3, and knit on peg 3. Continue in this fashion all the way around the loom. On peg 41, simply knit it.

Round 28: Knit all the pegs, you have 21 remaining stitches.

Bind off.

Do the gather bind off. Close the hat by taking your yarn up all the remaining stitches. Pull tight, sew a circle around the top, tie a knot, and weave in the ends.

As an option, tighten the cast on.

If you make this hat, please consider sharing it on Instagram #MsYarn and tagging me @HelloMsYarn.

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