

# Garter Squish Beanie

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## About the pattern

The Garter Squish Beanie is knit seamlessly in the round from the top down using a Pinhole cast on. It mimics the 'jogless' garter stitch pattern and slip stitch design which originated with the Garter Squish Jumpers, while the gentle 'swirl' of slip stitches around the crown gives it its own identity. The slip stitch design runs from the centre top of the beanie down to the 1x1 ribbed brim. The real beauty of the top-down construction is that the beanie can be easily customised both for length and overall circumference! Try on as you go and make it suit you!

## About the designer

Hi! I'm Cat! I first learnt to knit from my Mum and Nan when I was little but only caught the 'knitting bug' in my 20's. After practicing as a Midwife in the NHS for nearly 10yrs, I am now lucky enough to be following my crafty dreams designing knitwear!

If you fancy browsing my other designs and keeping up to date with my crafty antics, do follow me on the socials and take a mooch at my website! My brain is bursting with ideas and I can't wait to share them with you!

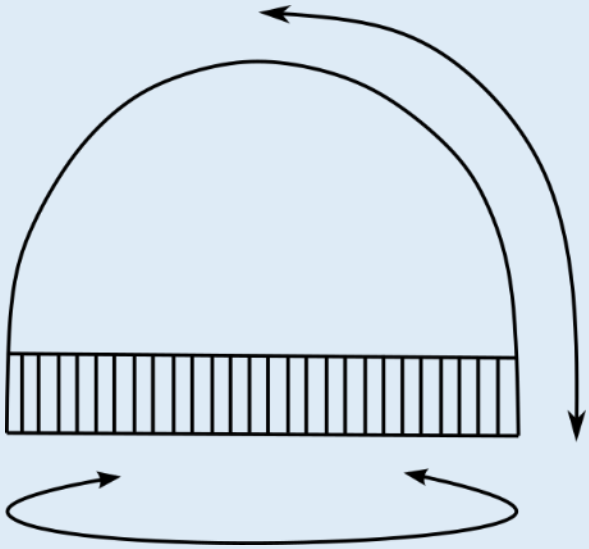


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# Sizing & Schematic



XS (Small, Medium, Large, XL).

## Finished beanie circumference

14” (16”, 18”, 20”, 22”) / 35.5cm (40.5cm, 45.5cm, 51cm, 56.5cm) measured from the bottom of the beanie body before the start of the ribbed brim.

The beanie is designed with 2-3” (5-7.5cm) negative ease, apart from the first size where 1-2” (2.5-5cm) negative ease is recommended. Therefore, pick a size smaller than the actual head circumference.

It is important to consider the properties of the fabric that your yarn will create when deciding on the amount of ease you would prefer. For example, woolly/Superwash yarns (such as Drops Karisma used for the sample) will have more stretch than an acrylic alternative. The more stretch, the more negative ease recommended for a snug fit. The beauty about knitting hats top down is that you can consider how your fabric is knitting up as you go and if necessary, alter your size up or down without having to frog back to the beginning.

## Finished beanie length

7.5” (8”, 8.5”, 9.25”, 9.75”) / 18cm (19cm, 20.5cm, 22cm, 23.5cm)

The length is measured from the centre top (crown/cast on) to the bottom of the brim, along the curve of the beanie.

# The Specifics

## Materials

### Yarn

The sample beanie is the Adult Large size worn with 3” negative ease and is knit with two strands of Drops Karisma held together in the colourways ’16 – Dark Grey Mix’ and ’73 – Petrol’.

#### Suggested Yarns

Two strands of heavy DK weight yarn held together. E.g. Drops Karisma has 100m (109yds) per 50g.

Any Chunky weight yarn with approximately 100m (109yds) per 100g. Check out what your favourite indie dyer has to offer!

#### Required meterage (yardage)*

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66 (74, 85, 97, 110) m / 72 (81, 93, 106, 120) yds. This equates to 2 (2, 2, 2, 4) balls of Drops Karisma, 100m (109yds) per 50g.

OR 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) skeins of Superwash Merino Chunky, 100m (109yds) per 100g.

*Be aware that changes to the overall length of the Beanie will affect the amount of yarn used and may require more yarn.

## Gauge

12 stitches and 24 rows = 4x4” (10x10cm) in garter stitch using the larger needle size. I recommend wet blocking your swatch and pay attention to how the fabric stretches before and after blocking.

## Needles

7mm (US size 10 ¾) for the main body of the Beanie and 6mm (US size 10) for the ribbed brim OR size needed to get gauge.

Double Pointed Needles (DPN's) in the larger size may be useful for the pinhole cast on and initial rounds. Please see my video tutorial for instructions on how to do the pin hole cast on and initial rounds.

Circular needles in both sizes - length suitable to knit your chosen size in the round. For example, the baby size beanie has a finished circumference of 14" (35.5cm) therefore choose a circular needle shorter than this to knit comfortably in the round OR a single circular needle long enough for the magic loop method.

## Notions

6 Stitch Markers

## Required Techniques

Pinhole Cast On
Knitting in the round

## Notes

When the pattern refers to repeating instructions, the use of the word 'TOTAL' means that the instructions (i.e. 'work rows/rounds 1 and 2 a TOTAL of XX amount of times') INCLUDES the first time they are worked, as written.

If you are unable to use a 7mm (US size 10 ¾) needle then no worries (it is not a common size in the US), try swatching with 6.5mm (US size 10 ½) or 8mm (US size 11). Chunky yarns on larger needles can vary greatly in the fabric they create so see what works for you. For example, the Garter Squish Jumper patterns use 8mm (US size 11) needles with the same yarns and the same gauge.

Bind off VERY loosely to maintain the stretch of the hat. I found that a stretchy bind off was untidy, therefore I recommend a standard 'k1, p1, pass first stitch over the second on the R hand needle' bind off, worked VERY loosely on the larger needle used for the hat. Alternatively, the 'Ribbed Sewn Bind Off' for a stretchy, 'invisible' bind. This technique is not explained in this pattern but a good video and written tutorial can be found on the Purl Soho Blog.

## Abbreviations

| | |
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| **BOR** | Beginning of round |
| **CO** | Cast on |
| **DPN's** | Double pointed needles |
| **k** | Knit |
| **kfb** | Knit front back |
| **L** | Left |
| **m** | Metre |
| **m1l** | Make 1 left |
| **p** | Purl |
| **pm** | Place marker |
| **R** | Right |
| **rm** | Remove marker |
| **sl** | Slip 1 (purlwise, with yarn in back) |
| **sm** | Slip marker |
| **st(s)** | Stitch(es) |
| **wyib** | With yarn in back |
| **yds** | Yards |

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# Instructions

## Cast On

Start with larger needles and using the Pinhole method, CO 6 sts for all sizes.

If starting with DPNs, spread the stitches between 3 needles ready to start working in the round.

If using magic loop, move the stitches along the cable to the other needle ready to start working in the round.

Place a BOR marker at the start.

## Crown

The beanie is worked in 6 segments with a slip stitch at the start of each segment (thus, creating 6 slip stitch columns). 1 st is increased in every segment every other row directly after the slip stitch.

**Setup Round 1:** *kfb; repeat from * 6 times(12sts).

**Setup Round 2:** *sl1, p1, pm; repeat from * 6 times (the last marker placed is the BOR marker so needs to be distinguishable from the others).

First increases have been worked, the pattern has been established and each segment has been defined by the markers.

**Round 1:** *k1, m1l, k to marker, sm; repeat from * 6 times.

**Round 2:** *sl1 wyib, p to marker, sm; repeat from * 6 times.

Work rounds 1 and 2 a TOTAL of 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) times.

Stitch Count = 42 (48, 54, 60, 66)

## Body

**Round 1:** *k to marker, sm; repeat from * 6 times.

**Round 2:** *sl1 wyib, p to marker; repeat from * 6 times.

Work rounds 1 and 2 until the beanie measures approximately 6.5” (6.5”, 7”, 7.75”, 8.25”) / 16.5cm (16.5cm, 17.75cm, 19.5cm, 20.5cm) OR 1” (1.5”, 1.5”, 1.5”, 1.5”) / 2.5cm (3.75cm, 3.75cm, 3.75cm, 3.75cm) shorter than desired finished length, slightly stretched, measured from the top of the crown, along the curve of the beanie. If you have a willing recipient (or participant with the correct size head), trying the beanie on as you go will help determine the exact length/fit and how the stretch affects the length measurement.

## Brim

Change to smaller needles.

**Round 1:** *k1, p1; repeat from * to end, removing all markers except the BOR as you work.

Work round 1 a TOTAL of 6 (8, 8, 8, 8) times OR until the brim measures approx. 1” (1.5”, 1.5”, 1.5”, 1.5”) or 2.5cm (3.75cm, 3.75cm, 3.75cm, 3.75cm) OR your desired brim length.

Using larger sized needle, bind off loosely in pattern. See pattern notes above for more info about bind off techniques.

## Finishing

Weave in ends. Block by soaking in your favourite wool wash, remove from water and remove any excess water by rolling in a spare towel. Allow to dry flat, no need to pin. Check your measurements and lightly manipulate by hand if really necessary. Allow to dry fully.

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