



MINIMALIST HAT: The Fibre Co. Cirro & Ito Kin Gin Version

The airiness of Cirro meant we could double it up for a quick knit while maintaining its wonderfully soft drape. We added a touch of sparkle using a single strand of Kin Gin for a little icing on top!

Finished Size: Approx. 19"/48cm around (fits 20–23"/51–58cm head); approx. 10"/25cm deep.

Yarn: 1 skein The Fibre Co. Cirro (246 yds/225m each) held doubled and
1 skein Ito Kin Gin (328 yds/300m each) held single.
Note: You'll hold a total of 3 strands of yarn together throughout.
Or approx. 230 yds/210m total of an equivalent sport-weight yarn held doubled and
approx. 115 yds/105m of an equivalent lace-weight sparkle yarn.

Needles US 10 (6mm) 16"/40cm circular needle and set of 5 double-points, or size to obtain gauge.
& Notions: US 9 (5.5mm) 16"/40cm circular needle, or one size smaller than gauge needle.
5 locking markers, one in a different color to designate beginning of round.
Blunt darning needle to finish.

Gauge: Approx. 15 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch (knit every round).

SWATCHING FOR GAUGE, FABRIC AND FIT

While this hat is super simple and quite forgiving, to end up with a cozy hat that you'll wear and wear, you may want to finesse the fit and slouch.

We recommend knitting a swatch for gauge and fabric, starting with the needle size suggested on the ball band. You may find, however, that some yarn and needle combinations may not produce the sublimely soft fabric you need for this hat.

Aim for a fabric that's soft enough to slouch, yet dense enough to keep its shape. Knit a swatch at least 5"/12.5cm square and block as directed in the pattern. After blocking, drying and resting, check your fabric. If your fabric is too stiff or too droopy, adjust your needle size accordingly. *Note: If you find you need to unravel and reuse swatch yarn to finish hat, be sure to steam or soak as appropriate.*

When you've found a fabric that you like, check your gauge. If you're off slightly, don't worry—there's some wiggle room in the finished size to fit an average adult head.

If your blocked gauge doesn't closely match given pattern gauge, but you love your fabric, calculate how many sts you will need to cast on for a hat that is about 2–4"/5–10cm smaller than your head; round to the nearest number that is divisible by 8. Then follow the instructions and adjust shaping rounds as necessary for your cast-on sts.

Glossary: **Dec('d)** = decrease(d); **K2Tog** = knit 2 sts together; **SM** = slip marker; **SSK** = slip, slip, knit (slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, insert left needle into front of 2 slipped sts from left; from this position, K2Tog); **St(s)** = stitch(es).

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- Cast on:** For ease of working, you'll cast on with only Cirro doubled and join Kin Gin later. To hold Cirro doubled, we pulled from the outside and center of the ball, but you may prefer to wind your skein into two evenly weighted balls.
- With smaller circular needle, and holding only Cirro doubled, cast on 72 sts using cable cast-on method. Don't join in the round yet.
- Edging:** Row 1: Join one strand of Ito Kin Gin yarn, so you are now holding 3 strands total: 2 strands Cirro and 1 strand Kin Gin; knit to end. Continue holding all 3 strands together throughout.
- Join in round being careful not to twist, placing contrast color marker to designate beginning of round. On subsequent rounds, slip marker as you come to it.
- Knit 2 rounds.
- Body:** Change to gauge needle and knit until piece measures 7"/18cm, or desired length, from cast-on edge. *Note: Shaping rounds will add approx. 3"/7.5cm.*
- Shaping:** Place four more locking markers on needle as follows: After 9 sts, then after 18 sts three times. 9 sts remain to beginning of round marker.
- Note: Sts should be divided evenly into four quadrants with beginning of round marker centered in one quadrant. Change to double-points when necessary, centering quadrant markers on each needle; clip beginning of round marker into work so it won't fall off the needle. If you adjusted your cast-on number, adjust placement of locking markers accordingly.*
- Round 1 (dec round): *Knit to 2 sts before first marked stitch, SSK, SM, K2Tog (tug last st to tighten gap)*; repeat between * * three more times, knit to end. [8 sts dec'd]
- Repeat dec round every following third round 3 more times [40 sts]; then every other round 2 times [24 sts]; then every round 2 times. [8 sts] *Note: If you adjusted your cast-on sts, you will work either one more or one fewer decrease on the last repeat to finish with 8 sts.*
- Break yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail. With darning needle, thread tail through all 8 sts one at a time; draw up tightly; repeat for strength. Weave in ends on wrong side.
- Finishing:** Soak hat for 20 minutes in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll up in a towel and gently squeeze out more moisture.
- Lay flat on moisture-safe surface, gently nudging hat to desired width and length, without stretching cuff of hat to full width. Insert pins at a shallow angle along open edges of hat in frequent intervals to encourage it to dry flat. Without pinning, allow top of hat to naturally cup a little. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- Gently steam press using press cloth along open edge of hat. Rotate fold and press out any fold lines. Let dry completely.