Aurora Hat

by Nona Pearl Davenport

Yarn: NanoStitch Lab Kinetic DK, one skein
Pink is “Rosalind Franklin”, Teal is “Marie Tharp”
Approx yardage: 174-196 yards, 75-85 grams

Size: Adult Medium (18” circumference, with 2-3” additional stretch), Adult Large (20” circ, with 2-3” additional stretch). 8-9” tall. Med will have snug fit, while L will be roomier and slouchier.

Gauge: 22 sts/28 rows over 4” in stockinette

Needles: 16” circular needles and DPN in size 4.0 mm (US 6) or whatever size needed to achieve correct gauge.

Abbreviations:
BCO - backward loop cast on
K/k - knit
K2tog - knit 2 together
P/p - purl
P2tog - purl 2 together
PM - place marker
Sl 1 - slip 1 st (as if to purl)
st/sts - stitch(es)
tbl - through the back loop
wyib - with yarn in back
wyif - with yarn in front
YO - yarn over

Notes:
Gauge is important! Work 1 chart repeat of the band and check your gauge.

The band of the hat is knit flat, seamed, and then stitches are picked up to work the rest of the hat in the round. The i-cord edge worked into the top of the band makes it easy to pick up stitches for working the body of the hat.



See more photos of the Aurora Hat on Ravelry.



Instructions: See Next Page for Band Chart and written instructions.

Cast on 21 sts loosely (using long tail method).

Size M: work chart rows 1-20 a total of 9 times.
Size L: work chart rows 1-22 a total of 9 times.

Bind off loosely. Seam. Weave in loose ends.

The Right Side of the hat band has a ridge of purl stitches above ribbing and below the seed stitch. Start at the seam in the back, and with right side showing, pick up (into both loops of the V) and knit 88 [99] sts into the i-cord stitch closest to the inside of the hat (see photos below). Pick up and knit one stitch into every i-cord stitch. Join to work in the round. PM for beginning of round.





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Written Hat Band Instructions:

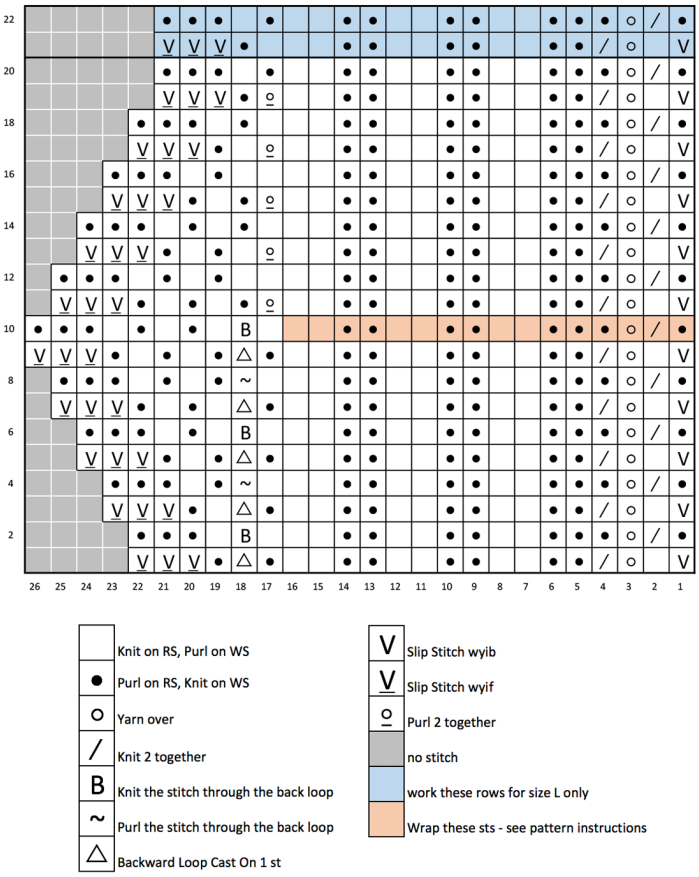
Row 1: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P1, BCO 1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 2: K3, P1, K1tbl, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 3: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P1, BCO 1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 4: K3, P1, K1, P1tbl, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 5: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P1, BCO 1, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 6: K3, P1, K1, P1, K1tbl, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 7: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P1, BCO 1, K1, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 8: K3, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1tbl, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 9: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P1, BCO 1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 10: K3, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1tbl, P1
Wrap yarn tightly around remaining unworked stitches 3x from front to back (shown by orange shading on chart), (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 11: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 12: K3, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 13: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 14: K3, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 15: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P2tog, P1, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 16: K3, P1, K1, P2, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 17: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P2tog, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 18: K3, P1, K1, P1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1
Row 19: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, P2tog, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 20: K3, P1, K1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1

Next 2 rows for size L only (shown on chart in blue):
Row 21: Sl 1, K1, YO, K2tog, (P2, K2) x3, K1, P1, (Sl1 wyif) x3
Row 22: K3, P1, K1, (P2, K2) x3, K1, YO, K2tog, K1

Hat Body Instructions: If you do not have exactly 88 [99] sts increase or decrease accordingly to correct stitch count in the first round.

Knit 7 [8] rounds.
Purl 1 round.
Knit 1 round.
K2tog, YO, repeat to end for one round. Size L: end K1
Knit 1 round.
Purl 1 round.

Repeat hat rounds 1-12 [13] four times TOTAL. Hat should measure approximately 7.5 [8.5]". For a slouchier hat, repeat hat rounds once more, remembering that you will use more yarn than is listed.



Crown Decrease: Switch to DPN when knitting is too tight to fit on circular needles.
Round 1: *K9, K2tog*
Round 2: *K8, K2tog*
Round 3: *K7, K2tog*
Round 4: *K6, K2tog*
Round 5: *K5, K2tog*
Round 6: *K4, K2tog*
Round 7: *K3, K2tog*
Round 8: *K2, K2tog*
Round 9: *K1, K2tog*
Round 10: *K2tog*

Cut yarn and thread onto a tapestry needle. Pull needle through remaining stitches twice. Then pull yarn down through the center of the hat to close. Weave in loose ends. Block gently and enjoy.

About the Designer

Nona Davenport, co-owner of All Wound Up Yarn Shop, has been designing knitwear patterns for almost a decade. You can find her entire collection on Ravelry. Her inspiration often comes from nature, current knitting trends, or by request from her three imaginative kids. She is married to her best friend Dave, and they reside in Lynnwood, WA, just up the hill from the shop.

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