

Siskiyou

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small

When I saw this speckled yarn, my mind jumped straight to Douglas Fir trees covered in snow - they are pretty much everywhere you look in Oregon (I have one in my back yard!). So this hat features three differently sized/shaped tree patterns, made with twisted stitches.



medium

The trees happen to look really cool on the wrong sides, making this hat totally reversible! Wear it right side out for the trees, or wrong side out for a more abstract, pretty twisting leaf-ish kind of stitch pattern, on a stockinette background.



extra large

The hat is topped with a big starburst crown pattern, made with centered double decreases, which also looks different and cool on the reverse side.

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You need

- ▶ approx 140{145, 150, 155} yards / 128{133, 137, 142} meters worsted weight yarn for small{medium, large, extra large} sizes
- small & extra large samples are Knitted Wit *Targhee Shimmer Worsted* (80% superwash Targhee wool, 20% silk) - 134 & 153 yards / 123 & 140 meters used, out of 240 yards / 220 meters in the skein (Snowy Cedar)
- medium is Knitted Wit *Worsted Super Wash Merino* - 138 yards / 126 meters used, out of 200 yards / 183 meters in the skein (Snowy Cedar)
- ▶ size US 7 (4.5mm) needles, or size to get gauge
- a circular needle 16"/40cm (for the body) plus a set of double pointed needles (for the crown)
- **or** a circular needle 32"/80cm or longer, to use the magic loop method throughout
- ▶ 6 stitch markers - 4 the same color/type, 2 unique

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rows per 4 inches / 10 cm, in reverse stockinette (purl all stitches in the round).



small (bottom cover photo)

medium (top cover photo)

Sizing

This pattern is written in four sizes, ranging around big kid/teen/small adult up to large adult. If you want to make a small kid size, work at a tighter gauge, using a light worsted weight or sport-DK.



extra large

Small{medium, large, extra large} hat sizes are **fitted to head circumferences** of approx 21{22, 23, 24} inches / 53{56, 58, 60} cm, with negative ease for a comfortably snug, stretchy fit.

Make a size a bit bigger than your (or the recipient's) head size for a looser, slouchier fit. Pictured at left are the small, medium, and extra large sizes each on a 22 inch / 56 cm head - small for a very snug fit, medium for a comfortably snug fit, extra large for a loose, nicely oversized kind of fit. The standard small size should fit a 20 inch / 51 cm kid/teen size head well.

The hat **height** is the same for all sizes - approx 8 inches / 20 cm measured flat on a surface; approx 5.5 inches / 14 cm from the bottom up to where the crown begins. This makes for an adult size that pulls down over the ears.

Above the trees pattern, you can easily adjust the height by working fewer or more plain rows. There are approx 7 rows in 1 inch / 2.5 cm of height, so if you want to add an inch or a bit more to make a longer, slouchy style hat, work 7-10 extra rows in plain reverse stockinette (when the pattern tells you it's time).

If you're making the hat for a kid and you want to make it shorter, that section which can be adjusted is only 5 rows tall (for small and medium sizes), so the most height you can remove is about .75 inch / 2 cm, by skipping the section completely. But if you're working at a tighter gauge to make a smaller size, then you'll probably be fine with the height as is.