

# Barry

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This pattern is for a hat which can be made in a wide variety of styles - it's custom fit to any head size, and for any gauge, so you can pick any weight yarn, and you can choose how to stripe with 2 or more different colors.

The standard pattern can be made with or without buttons, and is somewhat tall, for a slouchy shape, in stockinette stitch with purl bump stripes.

Optional variations are included to make it shorter for a non-slouchy style, and to make it all garter stitch. All these options mean you can use the same pattern to make all kinds of different hats!

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## You need

- ▶ your choice of yarn in any weight, in 2 or more colors - estimates for standard adult size hats
- bulky: 80-120 yards / 70-110 meters total
- worsted: 100-150 yards / 90-140 meters total
- sport: 180-230 yards / 165-210 meters total
- fingering: 200-260 yards / 180-240 meters total
- if using the same yarns as main color (MC) and contrasting color (CC) throughout, you'll need approx 85% of yardage in MC yarn, 15% in CC
- if switching which is MC/CC after section 1, you'll need a bit more than half the total yardage in the yarn which starts as CC and becomes MC in body/crown, just under half in the other yarn
- note: blocking is important, to smooth out the section joins, so fiber content that blocks well is recommended (wool, other animal fibers)
- ▶ needles sized to match yarn
- a long circular (24 inches / 60 cm or longer) is recommended - either use just the one long circular, working crown using magic loop method, or use double pointed needles for section 3 in the round if you prefer
- ▶ 4 stitch markers (3 the same color/type, 1 different)
- ▶ for buttoning version: buttons (amount and size needed will vary depending on gauge)
- ▶ a yarn needle

## The samples

Yellow and green: Anzula *For Better or Worsted* (MC is Curry, CC is Pesto) - 144 yards / 132 meters total; approx 122yds/112m MC, 22yds/20m CC (same MC/CC throughout).

Tweed and self-striping blues: Berroco *Blackstone Tweed* (color 2602, worsted) and Classic Elite Yarns *Liberty Wool* (color 7806, light worsted) - 128 yards / 117 meters total; approx 62yds/57m tweed, 66yds/60m blues (MC/CC switch).

Red and blue-grey garter stitch variation: Alpaca with a Twist *Baby Twist* DK weight (colors 3008 and 1004) - 172 yards / 157 meters total; approx 90yds/82m red, 82yds/75m blue (MC/CC switch).

Grey and red shorter height variation: Brown Sheep *Burly Spun* super bulky (Grey Heather) and handspun - 60 yards / 55 meters total; approx 43yds/39m MC, 17yds/16m CC (same MC/CC throughout, with extra CC used in crown).





## Gauge

This pattern is for any gauge, any weight yarn. Use needles sized to work well with your yarn; no need to make a gauge swatch before starting. If you'd like an extra drapey fabric to give your slouchy hat extra slouch, you may want to use a needle size larger than the standard; for a warmer hat, use a size smaller.

While any weight (fingering to bulky) will work nicely with the standard version, the garter stitch variation will turn out best with weights finer than worsted. This is because of the slouchy shape - if you'd like to use a chunky yarn in all garter stitch, it should turn out well with the *make it shorter* mods for a fitted style.

## Sizing

You'll make your size by choosing when to stop section 1 - this section is worked sideways, so when you stop, you'll have the complete bottom edge of your hat. If knitting for yourself, sizing is easy, as you can just try it on around your head and know when you have the perfect fit. If gift knitting, either use your own head as a guideline, or measure the bottom edge and use the measurements given in the pattern for standard adult small{medium, large} sizes.

Measure with the edge stretched; exactly how much you stretch it will determine the fit/style - the more you stretch it, the tighter the fit. Also, the longer this section is, the taller your height will be - so, for an extra slouchy, tall hat, make the fit looser. Because the garter stitch pulls in, you'll need to stretch somewhat significantly for a more fitted hat. Stretch so it measures approx 4 inches / 10 cm longer than it is pre-stretching, or so it's comfortably snug.

If you want an oversized, extra slouchy style, stretch it less, so it's a couple inches longer than without stretching, or so the garter stitch edge is stretched out but the stockinette is barely stretched.

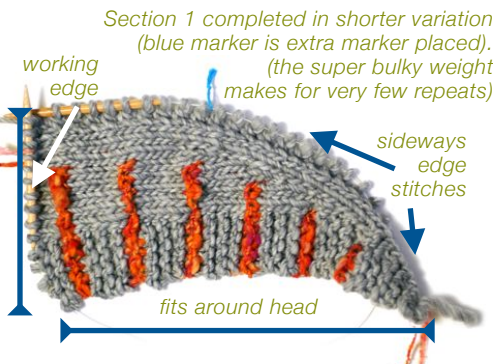
**Adding height:** If you want extra height, knit extra full rounds before beginning to decrease for the crown.

## Make it shorter

If you want a shorter hat (non-slouchy), you can modify the pattern to prevent the hat from growing too tall.

Watch the working edge of the triangle in section 1 as it grows - that edge will determine the height. When that edge (up to the marker) is approx 5 inches / 13 cm long (or approx .5-1 inch / 1-2 cm less than the height you want up to the crown), after completing a WS row, place an **extra marker** after turning (it will stay there for later).

Continue on, now working rows 1 and 5 as row 3 repeats (so stop increasing on working side of marker). Repeat rows 1-8 like this until the width is good (as written in pattern). When



Section 2 complete (except for "Ending section 2 row") in garter stitch variation, identical to normal version in terms of construction:



beginning section 2, instead of "knit to 5 sts before end", knit to **extra marker** (remove it). Work the rest of the pattern as written.

## Colors

The pattern is written for MC (main color) and CC (contrasting color) - MC is always the stockinette background, CC is always the stripes. You can choose to use the same MC and CC yarns throughout the hat, or you can switch labels for which is which when you start section 2. In the red and blue-grey hat, blue was called MC in the first section, red CC, then when beginning section 2, the names were flipped and red became MC, blue CC.

You can also use more colors if you'd like, changing to entirely different yarns when beginning section 2, or changing just MC or just CC. The only thing recommended is that you use the same MC for sections 2 and 3. You can even change CC yarns throughout the hat whenever you want to, to bust some leftover yarn scraps!

## Notes

You'll use just one stitch marker throughout the first 2 sections, so that can be any of the markers; you'll need all four in section 3.

When slipping, slip with yarn on the side that it's already on, unless otherwise noted. For example, if you knit a row, then turn to start next row by slipping, the yarn is on the front from knitting the previous row, so slip with yarn in front, then bring to back if needed.

The buttonholes will curve out after blocking - before blocking, it may be hard to find the holes; find each one, fasten buttons, then block hat while buttoned and the holes will block out to become visible. Be sure to use buttons big enough to stay fastened when the hat is stretched, as the holes will seem smaller pre-blocking.

## Abbreviations

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**k** = knit

**p** = purl

**MC** = main color yarn

**CC** = contrasting color yarn

**pm** = place marker

**slm** = slip marker

**rm** = remove marker

**sl** = slip stitch purlwise

**w+t** = wrap and turn

**yo** = yarn over (increases 1 with hole)

**m1R** = make 1 right-slanting, by picking up the strand between needle points from back to front, and knitting into the front (increases 1)

**m1L** = make 1 left-slanting, by picking up the strand between needle points from front to back, and knitting into the back (increases 1)

**m1p** = make 1 purlwise, by picking up the strand between needle points from back to front, and purling into the front (increases 1)

**ssk** = slip, slip, knit slipped stitches together (decreases 1)

**k2tog** = knit 2 together (decreases 1)

**wyif** = with yarn in front

**RS** = right side

**WS** = wrong side

