

# Two by Two

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## Sizes

Because of the ribbing, the hat will fit a size 21/22" head and stretch to a 23/24" head with changes to the length before crown.

## Materials

- Size 4mm (6 US) 16" circular needles and double pointed needles (or size needed for gauge)
- Approx. 180m / 200yds worsted weight yarn (Berroco Ultra Alpaca pictured)
- Four stitch markers and darning needle.



## Gauge

Approx. 22sts in 2X2 ribbing. (Because the ribbing will stretch to fit, the exact gauge is not crucial)

## Notes

- I like the Elastic Long-Tail Cast On, also known as German Twisted Cast On, it is fast and gives a very nice elastic edge. There are a few very good video tutorials on YouTube if you are not familiar with this technique.
- If your Ssk tends to look wonky, you can try this: turn the first stitch front to back and return it to the left needle. Then knit two stitches together through the back loops. A little extra tug also helps.

## Abbreviations

<b>P</b> - purl	<b>SM</b> - slide marker
<b>K</b> - knit	<b>K2tog</b> – knit 2 together
<b>Ssk</b> - Slip, slip, knit	<b>Sts</b> - stitches

## Directions

Cast on 112 sts using elastic long-tail or preferred stretchy cast on method.  
Place marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.  
Work as follows:

**Rnd 1:** [K2, P2] around.

Repeat Rnd 1 until work measures 8 ½ to 9 ½ inches from cast-on depending on the size needed and the width of the brim wanted. (8 ½ for a 21-22" head, 9 ½ for a 23-24" head)

**\*At the same time**, on the last rnd, remove marker, K1, place marker and place a stitch marker every 28 sts for a total of four sections.\*

## Crown:

Rnd 1:[ssk, k the knits and p the purls to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, SM] 4 times. 8 sts reduced.

Rnd 2: k the knits, p the purls.

Repeat rnd 1-2 until 12 sts remain between markers. (48 sts total)

Work rnd 1 every row until 4 sts remain between markers. (16 sts total)

## Finishing

Thread yarn through the remaining 16 sts, pull tightly and secure on the wrong side. Weave in all ends.