

# Diagonal Garter Stitch Hat...

## with a wrap and a turn!

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This diagonal garter stitch hat uses short rows, a technique that creates curves or angles in your knitting. Since the knitting is turned before completing a row, stitches must be wrapped at the turn to prevent holes.

Short row knitting can eliminate the step effect you get when casting off at the shoulders and can also be used for sock heels or interesting scarves. In this pattern, the wraps and turns create shaping for the crown of the hat.

This is a great project to practise short rows and a good project for a beginner spinner. It would also look terrific in a variegated yarn.

Using an appropriate needle size for your yarn, knit a small swatch in garter stitch to determine your gauge, then cast on required sts to equal 38cm. For a three needle bind off, use a half-hitch cast on, otherwise cast on using your preferred method.



Row 1 Inc in 1st st, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog  
Row 2 Knit  
Row 3 Inc in 1st st, knit to within 8 sts of the end of the row, k2 tog, w&t  
Row 4 Knit  
Repeat rows 1-4 until piece measures 40cm

Finishing:

For a sewn seam, cast off as usual then sew the cast on and cast off edges together.

For a three needle bind off: Do not cast off. Using a spare needle, pick up the loops of the cast on stitches. With sts on two needles, place right sides together:

- a) \*Knit 2 stitches together (one from front needle and one from back needle)  
Repeat from \*once more.
  - b) Pass 1st st over 2nd (as for simple cast off)
- Repeat a) and b)

Break the yarn leaving a 20cm tail. Thread through the top edge and gather. Weave in ends.

### Abbreviations:

k Knit  
Inc Increase  
k2tog Knit 2 together  
w&t Wrap and turn - knit to where you want to turn, slip next stitch as if to purl. Bring yarn forward, slip st back onto left hand needle, turn work.