CHERGA HAT





Sizes 1 (2, 3)

Finished circumference	40 (45.5, 51) cm / 15.75 (18, 20)"
Finished height	approx 19 (21, 22.5) cm / 7.5 (8.25, 8.75)"
To fit head circumference	52–55 (55–58, 58–62) cm / 20.25–21.5 (21.5–22.75, 22.75–24.25)"
Construction	Worked bottom up in the round

Yarn

Folklore by Stenli yarns (super bulky weight, 50% wool, 50% acrylic; 100 g / 60 m), 1 hank / 100 gr.

Sample shown in Folklore*, color 26963.*

Needles and notions

9 mm (US 13) DPNs or two circular needles for two circulars technique or 32" or longer circular needles for Magic Loop technique, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge

11 sts and 14.5 rnds = 10 cm / 4" in Tweed Pattern in the round, blocked

Notes

Cherga is inspired by the rich colors and tactile character of traditional woven textiles, where simple strands come together to create bold, rhythmic texture. The marled effect of the yarn gives the fabric a lively, almost handwoven appearance, with contrasting flashes of color running through the softly structured surface.

The hat is worked from the bottom up in the round. A subtly staggered tweed pattern creates a gentle sense of movement across the fabric, while the irregular color distribution of the yarn enhances its woven, handcrafted character. The crown is shaped gradually to form a soft, rounded silhouette without interrupting the overall rhythm of the texture.

Abbreviations and Techniques

approx	approximately
BOR	beginning of Rnd
cdd / central double decrease	Sl2 sts together knitwise, k1, then pass both slipped sts over the knitted st. *2 sts decreased.*
CO	cast on
cont	continue
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
PM	place marker
psso	pass slipped stitch over
Rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
sl	slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in back
sl1, k2tog, psso	sl1 knitwise, k2tog, then pass the slipped st over. *2 sts decreased.*
ssk	sl1 knitwise, sl1 knitwise, then knit the 2 slipped sts together through the back loops. *1 st decreased.*
st(s)	stitch(es)
YO	yarn over

Estonian Cast On

1. Hold the yarn as for a Long Tail Cast On, with the tail over your thumb and the working yarn over your forefinger.

2. Insert the needle from the back of the hand under the strand between the thumb and forefinger, then rotate the needle 180°.
3. Move the thumb so the strand forms a “U” in front of the needle. Insert the needle under the strand around the thumb, then catch the working yarn from the forefinger and draw it through to form a st. Tighten gently.
4. Return the thumb to the standard Long Tail Cast On position and cast on the next st using the Long Tail Cast On method.
5. Rep Steps 3–4 until the required number of sts has been cast on.

Tweed pattern (worked in the rnd over an even number of sts)

Rnd 1: *YO, k1, p1, pass the YO over the 2 sts just worked; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: *Sl1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 - 2 for pattern.

Directions

Body

Instructions are given for Sizes 1 (2, 3).

Using Estonian cast-on method, CO 44 (50, 56) sts. Join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist the cast-on edge; PM for BOR.

Rnd 1-2: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 3-4: Work in Tweed Pattern to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: Work Rnd 1 from Tweed Pattern to end of rnd.

Rnd 6-7: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 8-11: Work in Tweed Pattern to end of rnd.

Rnd 12: Work Rnd 1 from Tweed Pattern to end.

Rnd 13-14: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Cont in Tweed Pattern for 6 (8, 10) more rnds or until piece measures approx. 15 (16, 17.5) cm / 6 (6.25, 7)" from the CO edge.

Next Rnd: Work Rnd 1 from Tweed Pattern.

Shape Crown

Size 1 and 3 only

Instructions are given for Sizes 1 (3).

Next Rnd: *Ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) 1 (2) times, ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) 2 (3) times, ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) 2 (3) times; rep from * once more to end of rnd. **[32, 44 sts]**

Next Rnd: (K1, P1) to end of rnd.

Next Rnd: Work Rnd 1 from Tweed pattern.

Size 3 only

Next Rnd: *Ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) once, ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) twice, ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) twice; rep from * once more to end of rnd. **[32 sts]**

Size 2 only

Next Rnd: Ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) 3 times, *ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) twice; rep from * 4 more times to end of rnd. **[38 sts]**

Next Rnd: (K1, P1) to end of rnd.

Next Rnd: Work Rnd 1 from Tweed pattern.

Next Rnd: Ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) twice, *ssk, p2tog, (k1, p1) once; rep from * 4 more times to end of rnd. **[26 sts]**

Resume all sizes

Next Rnd: (K1, P1) to end of rnd.

Next Rnd: K2tog, *sl1, k2tog, psso, cdd; rep from * 4 (3, 4) more times to end of rnd. **[11 (9, 11) sts]**

Finishing

Break yarn, leaving a 20–25 cm / 8–10 in tail. Thread the tail through the remaining live sts, draw tight, and secure. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements.