



# Astronomer

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Full coverage slouch hat in heavy wool with folded hem and skinny stripes.

## YARN

- **MC:** Cascade Eco + [100% wool; 250g/478yd] Black; 1 skein
- **CC:** Small amount of similar weight yarn in contrasting color

**Worsted weight** yarn will work great, too!

## NEEDLES

Set of five  
US size 8 (5mm)  
double-point needles

## MATERIALS

Yarn needle  
Pins

## GAUGE

18 sts = 4 inches  
in stockinette  
in the round

Above gauge is tighter than recommended by yarn manufacturer.

Be sure to check your gauge.

## SIZES

Child (Adult M, Adult L)

## FINISHED MEASUREMENT

Approx. 18 (20, 22) inches  
in circumference  
(will stretch)



## STRIPE PATTERN:

K [2 rnds CC, 2 rnds MC] three times, k 2 rnds CC.

## INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, using long tail cast-on (or other stretchy method), CO 80 (90, 100) sts.

Place marker and join to beg working in the round.

Knit 6 rnds.

*Next rnd ("turning round" for hem):* Purl.

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*Attach hem as follows (NOTE: you may stitch hem under by hand sewing during finishing, if desired. Simply skip the next step and knit two rnds MC instead, then begin stripe pattern and cont as written. See **Finishing** for more details):*

Fold hem under at "turning round" toward WS of fabric and pin in place. Insert tip of left needle into the first cast-on stitch at edge of hat, then k this st tog with the next live st as you normally would. Rep across rnd, picking up one cast-on st for every live st and knitting them tog as you work across the round.

*Next rnd:* Knit.

Add CC and beg stripe pattern. Break CC.

With MC, cont in stockinette st (knit every rnd) until wm 9 (10, 10) inches (or desired length) from "turning round" for hem.

*Begin decreasing for top of hat as follows:*

*Dec rnd 1:* (K8, k2tog) to end of rnd.  
72 (81, 90) sts.

*Dec rnd 2:* (K7, k2tog) to end of rnd. 64 (72, 80) sts.

*Dec rnd 3:* (K6, k2tog) to end of rnd. 56 (63, 70) sts.

*Dec rnd 4:* (K5, k2tog) to end of rnd. 48 (54, 60) sts.

*Dec rnd 5:* (K4, k2tog) to end of rnd. 40 (45, 50) sts.

*Dec rnd 6:* (K3, k2tog) to end of rnd. 32 (36, 40) sts.

*Dec rnd 7:* (K2, k2tog) to end of rnd. 24 (27, 30) sts.

*Dec rnd 8:* (K1, k2tog) to end of rnd. 16 (18, 20) sts.

*Next rnd:* K2tog to end of rnd. Remove marker. Break yarn leaving a 12-inch tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through remaining 8 (9, 10) sts and pull yarn tight to close top of hat.

## Finishing

*Hand sewing the hem:* If you decided not to attach your hem as you knit, turn hem under towards WS of fabric and pin in place. Thread yarn needle with a long length of yarn and hem loosely, making sure the knit fabric still stretches and the hem lies flat.

Weave in all ends.

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