

# Hen Hat

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A few simple knit stitches, and a *little* bit of crochet are the ingredients for this fun-but-not-too-outlandish hen hat.  
*Inspired by the chickens of Shropshire.*

To fit 17 (19.5, 23)" / 43 (49.5, 58.5) cm head circ  
Skill Level: K 3 Intermediate

Fiber: Laughing Hens, Rooster Almerino DK  
([www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com))  
(124yds / 113m 1.75oz / 50gr) per skein  
Yarn A - Cornish 201, 1 ball  
Yarn B - Custard 210, 1 ball  
Yarn C - Cherry 213, 1 ball  
(substitution weight = worsted/dk)

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" / 10cm over charted pat  
using needle: 7 US/4.5mm circ (add'l size: 6 US/mm )

Notions: Size G/4mm crochet hook, size 7 dpns (2) or  
I circ (for i-cord tie)

## Special Stitches & Techniques

Sc: Single Crochet - Insert hook in stitch. Yarn over hook. Pull yarn through stitch. Yarn over hook. Pull yarn through 2 loops on hook (one single crochet made).

Hdc: Half Double Crochet - Yarn over hook. Insert hook in the next stitch to be worked. Yarn over hook. Pull yarn through stitch. Yarn over hook. Pull yarn through all 3 loops on hook (one half double crochet made).

Dc: Double Crochet - YO hook, insert hook in the next stitch to be worked, YO hook, draw through stitch, YO hook, draw through first 2 loops on hook, YO hook, draw through rem 2 loops on hook.

VDD: Vertical Double Decrease - Sl 2 sts as if to work k2 tog R, k1, pass slipped sts over (decrease of 2 sts)

K2tog-R: Knit 2 together with a right slant (aka K2tog)

K2tog-L: Knit 2 together with a left slant (aka SSK)

YO: Yarn over - wrap yarn around hook or needle

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## Instructions

With A & knitting needles, cast on 75 (87, 99) sts.

### Ribbing

Row 1 (RS): [K2, p2] rep to end, end k1

Row 2 (WS): P1, [k2, p2] rep to end

Rep last 2 rows three more times, 8 rows of ribbing total. Break A.

### Hat Sideband

Pattern is multiple of 12 + 15, worked back and forth.

Join B and work as foll:

Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7 (RS): K1, k2tog-R, k2, [k2, YO, k1, YO, k4 VDD, k2] 5 (6, 7) times, end k2, YO, k1, YO, k4, k2tog-L, k1.

Rows 2, 4, 6 (WS): Purl

Row 8 (WS): Knit

Rows 9, 11, 13, 15 (RS): K2, YO, k1, [k3, VDD, k4, YO, k1, YO, k1] 5 (6, 7) times, end k3, VDD, k4, YO, k2

Rows 10, 12, 14: (WS) Purl

Row 16 (WS): Knit

Rep last 16 rows until work meas 6-1/2 (6-3/4, 7") 16.5 (17, 18)cm from cast on, or is desired head depth. End with row 8 or 16.

### Tip

Row 1 (RS): K2togL, k3 [k2, sl 1, k4, VDD, k2] 5 (6, 7) times, end k2, sl 1, k4, k2tog-R

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl

Row 3: K2togL, k3, [k1, sl 1, k3, VDD, k2] 5 (6, 7) times, end k1, sl 1, k4, k2tog-R

Row 5: K2togL, k3, [sl 1, k2, VDD, k2] 5 (6, 7) times, end sl 1, k3, k2togR.

Row 7: K2togL, k2, [sl 1, k1, vdd, k1] 5 (6, 7) times, end sl 1, k2, k2tog-R.

Row 9: K2togL, k1, [sl 1, VDD] 5 (6, 7) times, end sl 1, k1, k2togR.

Row 10: Purl all sts - 15 (17, 19) sts rem. Break B.

Next row (RS): Join C, k1, [k2togR] rep to end of row 7 (8, 9) sts rem.

Next row (WS): Bind off 3 sts, knit to end.

Next row (RS): Bind off rem sts, do not break yarn.

### Comb

With yarn still attached, steam block piece. Fold piece with Right Side facing out so that edges are ready to be joined. The yarn should be sitting near the tip of the hat.

Row 1: With a size 4mm crochet hook hdc 22 (26, 30) into both edges, joining them together as you work down to the ribbing. Turn work.

Row 2: Sc 7 (9, 11), then, work 1 dc into the front loop only of next 15 (15, 19) hdc. Turn work.

Row 3: Working in the rem loop of each hdc from Row 1, work 1 dc into next 15 (15, 19) hdc. Turn work.

You should have a double layer of stitching at the top of the hat, tapering into a single layer at the bottom of the hat.

Row 4: Work 1 sc in each next 30 (30, 38) dc. Tie off yarn, weave in ends.

### I-cord Ties

Fold hat and mark point at bottom edge where you would like the two ties to be attached. Starting at one edge, pick up 5 sts along bottom edge with a dpn. With second dpn and with RS facing, knit these 5 sts.

Slip sts just knit down to other edge of dpn so that the first st knit in the previous row is ready to be knit again (the yarn will be attached to the last st on the row, that's correct.) Knit these 5 sts. Repeat the last paragraph until i-cord tie meas 4"/10cm

Henhat Lace Chart  
Multiple of 12 + 15



St st  
Rev St St



YO  
VDD



K2tog-R  
K2tog-L

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Next Row (RS): Switch to Color C, knit into the front and back loop of each st - 10 sts. Turn work.

Next Row: K5, p5

Rep last row 11 times.

Next row: P5, k5

Rep last row 11 times.

Next row (WS): P2tog 5 times - 5 sts.

Return to i-cord and continue working in color C until entire tie measures 12" from picked up sts. Break yarn, thread through all 5 sts, tighten and knot it. Weave in ends. Repeat for other tie. Steam block hat - paying special attention to the comb - and wear out to the barnyard.