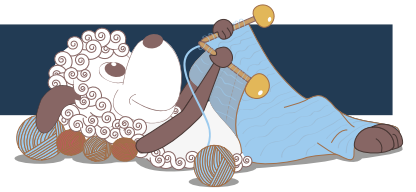


Nikolaj - a cool hat for kids



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Nikolaj kirke (Nikolaj Church) – which has not functioned as a church since 1805 but has been a vibrant art gallery instead – is crowned with one of the iconic spires of Copenhagen. The design of the spire is a perfect inspiration for playing with the many different textures you can create in knitting, to represent the many cornices, windows and ornamentations. Naturally, the colour of the design had to be Verdigris green. Nikolaj Church is the inspiration for both the "Kirken" sweater and the "Nikolaj" hat.

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Materials

100 (100) g Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in colour 257 (Mint)
4,5 mm and 5 mm circular needle, 40 cm
5 mm double-pointed needles
Stitch markers

Sizes

4-6 (8-12) years

Measurements

Fits head circumference: 47-51 (52-56) cm
Hat circumference measured over rib edge: 49 (56) cm

Gauge

17 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch on 5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

M1 (Make 1): Insert the left needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between stitches, lift the strand onto the right needle, then knit it through the back loop.



Sl1yo: slip stitch purl-wise, while bringing the yarn to the front and then up and over the needle to create a yarn over.

Brp: brioche purl – purl stitch and yarn over together.

Brk: brioche knit – knit stitch and yarn over together.

Bobble: Knit into the front, then back, then front, then back, then front of the same stitch (5 sts in 1), then pass the first 4 sts over the last stitch to the left, one at a time.

Directions for knitting

The hat is worked from the bottom up with decreases at the crown. The crown can be finished with a little i-cord tip.

Hat

Cast on 70 (80) sts on a 4,5 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 13 rounds of rib (k1, p1).

Change to a 5 mm circular needle.

Next round: *K5, M1*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now a total of 84 (96) m.

Continue in pattern as follows:

Round 1: Purl to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 3-7: Work brioche stitch as follows:

Round A: *Sl1yo, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round B: *Brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round C: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat Round B and C once more.

Round 8: *Brk1, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 9: Knit to end of round.

Round 10: Purl to end of round.

Rounds 11-12: Knit to end of round.

Round 13: *K1, 1 bobble*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 14: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 15-16: Purl to end of round.

Rounds 17-18: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 19-21: *K1, p3*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 22: Knit to end of round.

Round 23: Purl to end of round.

Round 24: Knit to end of round.

Round 25: *K2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rounds 26-27: Knit to end of round.

Round 28: Purl to end of round.

Round 29: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 30-33: Work in broken rib as follows:

Round A: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round B: Knit to end of round.

Repeat Round A and B once more.

Round 34: *P4, p2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now a total of 70 (80) sts on the needle.

Change to double-pointed needle when there are no longer enough sts to reach around the circular needle.

Round 35: Knit to end of round.

Round 36: *K1, 1 bobble*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rounds 37-38: Knit to end of round.

Round 39: *P3, p2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now a total of 56 (64) sts on the needle.

Round 40: Purl to end of round.

Round 41: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 42-44: Work brioche stitch.

Round 45: *Brk1, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 46: *K2, K2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now a total of 42 (48) sts on the needle.

Round 47: Purl to end of round.

Round 48: Knit to end of round.

Rounds 49-51: *K1, p3*, repeat from * to * and end with k1, p1.

Round 52: Knit to end of round.

Round 53: *K1, K2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now a total of 28 (32) sts on the needle.

Round 54: Knit to end of round.

Round 55: *K2tog*, repeat from * to * to the last 6 sts.

Work 4 rows of I-cord as follows: *Slide sts to opposite end of needle without turning the needle, pull yarn tight along WS, k6 *, repeat from * to * 3 more times.

Break the yarn and pull the end through the sts on the needle.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Gently rinse the finished hat, press out as much water as possible and lay it on a flat surface to dry. Gently pull the bobble to make them pop out.