



# Solstice

*Solstice* is a chunky beanie that can be knit up with a single skein of super bulky weight wool. It's a speedy and satisfying knit that will keep your noggin nice and snug this winter.

## Sizes and Gauge

Small (22 inch), Med/Large (23 inch).  
Modifications are included to knit other sizes also.

Gauge: 1 inch = 2 stitches

## Materials

One skein of Super Bulky yarn. I used [Malabrigo Rasta](#) for the Small size and [Lion Brand Wool Ease Thick & Quick](#) for the Med/Large size.



Sizes US11 and US15 double pointed needles OR 16-inch circular needles OR long circular needles for Magic Loop; or sizes needed to obtain gauge.

Stitch marker

## Abbreviations

K – Knit

Sl 1 - Slip one stitch knit-wise

Kfb- Knit front and back

YO - Yarn Over

Pssso - Pass Slipped Stitch over

## Method

Using smaller needle, cast on 44 (46) stitches. Join for working in the round, and place marker for beginning-of-round. Work in 1x1 rib for 4 rounds.

Switch to larger needles.

For size Small: K5, \*Kfb, K10. Repeat from \* to last 6 sts, Kfb, K5. (48 sts)

For size Med/Large: K2, \*Kfb, K3, Kfb, K4. Repeat from \* to last 8 sts, Kfb, K3, Kfb, K3. (56 sts)

Continue for all sizes:

K 1 round even.

#### *4-round Stitch Pattern*

Round 1: \*K1, Sl1, K2, pssso. Repeat from \* to end.

Round 2: \*K1, YO, K2. Repeat from \* to end.

Round 3: \*Sl1, K2, pssso, K1. Repeat from \* to end.

Round 4: \*K2, YO, K1. Repeat from \* to end.

Work Rounds 1-4 a total of 3(4) times.

Work another Round 1.

*Decreases (If using circular needle, switch to double-pointed needles or Magic Loop as needed.)*

1: \*K1, YO, K3, YO, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end.

2: \*Sl1, K2, pssso, K1, Sl1, K2, pssso. Repeat from \* to end.

3: \*K2tog, YO, K3. Repeat from \* to end.

4: \*Sl1, K2, pssso, K2. Repeat from \* to end.

5: \*K2, SSK. Repeat from \* to end

6: K one round even.

7: \*SSK, K. Repeat from \* to end.

8: SSK. Repeat to end.

Cut yarn and thread it through live stitches, pulling tight to close top of beanie. Weave in ends and slap on a pom-pom, because, ya know, a chunky hat isn't really finished without one.



## Make it Any Size

This pattern is easily adjusted to make any size. Simply cast on an even number of stitches with the smaller needle and work desired number of rounds of 1x1 ribbing. Switch to larger needles and knit around while increasing evenly to a multiple of 8 stitches. Knit an even round, then begin the 4-round stitch pattern, ending with a round 1 or 3.

If ending with a Round 1, use the decreases from above. If ending with a Round 3, use the following set of decreases:

- 1: \*K2tog, YO, K3, YO, K1. Repeat from \* to end.
- 2: \*Sl1, K2, pss0, K1, Sl1, K2, pss0. Repeat from \* to end.
- 3: \*K3, YO, K2tog. Repeat from \* to end.
- 4: \*K2, Sl1, K2, pss0. Repeat from \* to end.
- 5: \*SSK, K2. Repeat from \* to end.
- 6: K one round even.
- 7: \*K1, SSK. Repeat from \* to end.

Cut yarn and thread it through live stitches, pulling tight to close top of beanie. And don't forget your pom....yeah, you already know that.

Enjoy!

Please feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions, comments, corrections, or your favorite butternut squash recipe.

