

## LSGiftmas Hat 2009: The Twisted Raveler

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Merry Giftmas Hoars! I tried to write you guys a mitt pattern, but it sucked so I decided to design a great hat and kill two birds with one stone: a gift for the Mister and a gift for y'all! This hat has a folded and sewn hem, which is optional but preferred here in the snowy Northwoods.

Be gentle, I've never written a pattern before. I design lots of stuff but I'm no technical writer and I don't usually take very good notes. I can help with any questions you have and I'd love suggestions to make this written portion more helpful.

**Size:** finished hat measures about 20" around. I made this to fit a 22" head, but it also fits my 20.5" head very well. This pattern can be up- or down- sized by changing gauge or yarn and needle size.

**Gauge:** 5.5 sts per inch in stockinette, using smaller needles

**Yarn:** worsted weight—I used Fleece Artist Organic Merino wool in the Ebony colorway

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*ETA: yardage... I dunno! I used a 500 meter skein of yarn. I definitely used less than half, but I didn't weigh it or anything. I'd wager you could get one from 220 yds though!*

**Needles:** I used a size 5 and a size 7 circular and size 7 dpns, but you should probably use the size that gives you the correct gauge! If you like to use cable needles, grab one of those, too.

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Explanation of cable stitches: RT: sl 1 st onto a cable needle, hold at back of work, k1b, knit the held st through the back loop. LT: sl 1 st onto cable needle, hold in front of work, k1b, knit the held st through the back loop. Left traveler: sl 1 st to cable needle, hold to back of work, k1b, p held st. Right traveler: sl 1 st to cable needle, hold in front of work, p1, k held st through the back loop. Remember, anytime you are knitting a st, knit through the back leg! Work ssk and k2tog as usual.

Un-hemmed version: Using smaller size needle, CO 108 sts, join for working in the round and work set-up row as follows: p1, k1b, p2, (k2b p2) 3 times, k1b, p1 repeat 6 times. Change to larger needle, then continue as for the hemmed version, following the chart.

Hemmed version: Using smaller size needle, leaving an extra long tail for sewing, and tubular cast on (you can sub any stretchy cast on here, I just like tubular) CO 108 sts. Work flat for the first two rows of tubular cast on, then join in the round and work in stockinette st until piece measures 2" from CO edge. Purl one round for turning ridge.

Both versions: Begin following chart! Repeat the chart 6 times around the hat. Work rounds 1-8 six times or until hat is about 2.5" shorter than its finished height, then continue with chart rows 9-26. After row 26 there should be 18 sts left. Next round: p2tog around, 9 sts remain. Cut yarn, use a darning needle to thread yarn through the sts and pull tight to gather. Weave in the end. If you made the un-hemmed version, you're done!

Hemmed version: Fold the hem up into the hat at the purl ridge. Use a darning needle to sew the CO edge to the inside of the hat, sewing the gap at the beginning of the cast on at the same time. The reason I use tubular cast on in my hems is so that I can sew through the tube when stitching, it looks neater to me.

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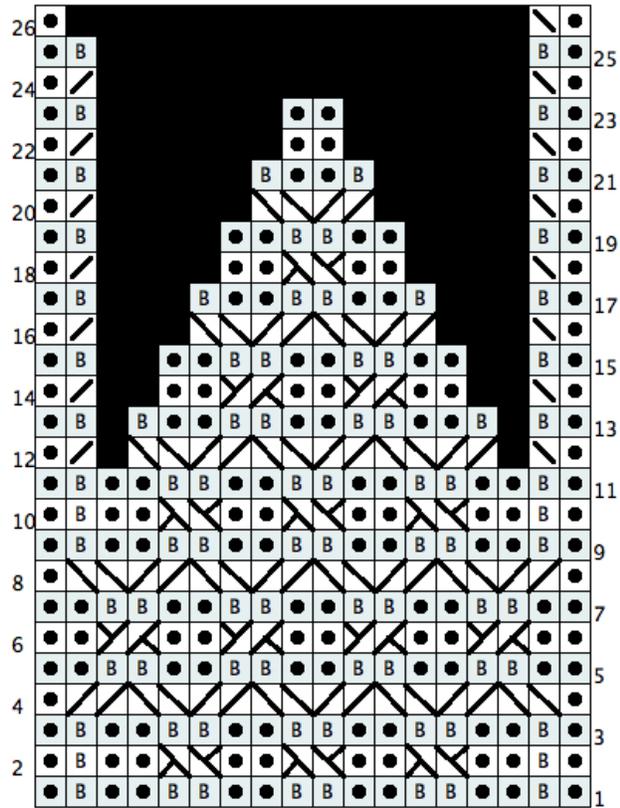
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Chart:

## Key

	Right Twist
	Left Twist
	Right Traveler
	Left Traveler
	k2tog/p2tog
	k1-b/p1-b
	ssk/p2tog-b
	No Stitch
	p1/k1

## Design 1



Special thanks to [Beth825](#) for suggesting [Knitting Chart Maker by Jacquie](#) which I used to make the chart. Hey, [IKIP](#), it's ready...I hope!