

12 STITCHES FOR WORKING IN THE ROUND



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Here are 12 stitch patterns that you can use for making a hat that is worked in the round starting from the top and knit all the way down to the brim. They will also work well for socks or any other project worked in the round.

This little collection of stitches includes 3 stitch patterns that work on any number of stitches, 3 stitch patterns with a multiple of two stitches, 3 with a multiple of three stitches and 3 with a multiple of six stitches.

All swatches are knit with the same chunky wool and 8mm (US11) needles on 18 stitches worked in the round for 12 rounds.

I did all swatches on the same number of stitches on purpose. This way you can see how the stitch pattern affects the size of the fabric. Some of them (like the first stitch, for example) make the fabric wider. Others, like the bamboo stitch (it comes at #9) make the fabric narrower.

This information is VERY important. If you want to use a stitch that compresses the fabric (usually those will be stitches based on ribbing pattern or those that have cables in them), add extra stitches before you introduce this stitch pattern to your project. We need those additional stitches to compensate for the way this pattern affects the fabric.

All instructions are given for stitch patterns worked in the round. If you follow these instructions to work back and forth, the result will be very different from the swatches you see in the photos. So, please, work in the round, unless you like surprises :-)

Happy knitting!

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Patterns with 1 stitch repeat



Stitch #1

Round 1: purl all stitches.
Round 2: purl all stitches.
Round 3: knit all stitches.
Round 4: knit all stitches.
These 4 rounds form the pattern.

KNITTING TIP:

If you want to get a more textured look, purl all stitches for the first 3 rounds, and knit them for the next 3 rounds. This stitch looks especially nice on slouchy hats.



Stitch #2

Round 1: purl all stitches.
Round 2: knit all stitches.
Round 3: purl all stitches.
Rounds 4, 5 and 6: knit all stitches.

These 6 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #3

Round 1: [yarn over, slip 1 with yarn at the back of the work], work brackets to the end of the round.
Round 2: [knit the yarn over and the slipped stitch together through the back loop], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 2 rounds form the pattern.

Patterns with 2 stitches repeat



Stitch #4

Round 1: {knit 1, purl 1}, work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: knit all stitches.

These 2 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #5

Round 1: [slip 1 with yarn in front of the work, knit 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: knit all stitches.

Round 3: [knit 1, slip 1 with yarn in front of the work], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 4: knit all stitches.

These 4 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #6

Round 1: [knit 1, make a yarn over and slip 1 stitch], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: [knit 1, purl the yarn over and the slipped stitch together], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 3: knit all stitches.

Round 4: knit all stitches.

These 4 rounds form the pattern.

Patterns with 3 stitches repeat



Stitch #7

Round 1: [purl 1, knit 2], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: [knit 1, purl 1, knit 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 3: [knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 3 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #8

Round 1: [knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: purl all stitches.

Round 3: [knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 4: [knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 4 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #9

Round 1: [knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 2: [yarn over, knit 2, insert the tip of the left needle into the yarn over and pass it over the 2 stitches you've just knit], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 2 rounds form the pattern.

Patterns with 6 stitches repeat



Stitch #10

Rounds 1 and 2: [knit 3, purl 1, knit 2], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 3 and 4: [knit 2, purl 3, knit 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 5 and 6: [knit 1, purl 5], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 7 and 8: [purl 1, knit 5], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 9 and 10: [purl 2, knit 3, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 11 and 12: [purl 3, knit 1, purl 2], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 12 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #11

Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4: [knit 3, purl 3], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 5: [yarn over, knit 3 together, yarn over, knit 3], work brackets to the end of the round.

Rounds 6, 7, 8, 9, 10: [purl 3, knit 3], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 11: [knit 3, yarn over, knit 3 together, yarn over], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 12: [knit 3, purl 3], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 12 rounds form the pattern.



Stitch #12

Rounds 1 and 2: [purl 2, slip 1 with yarn at the back of the work, knit 2, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 3: [purl 2, slip 1 stitch to a cable needle and hold it at the front of the work, knit 2, return the slipped stitch to the left needle and knit it, purl 1] work brackets to the end of the round.

Round 4: [purl 2, knit 3, purl 1], work brackets to the end of the round.

These 4 rounds form the pattern.