

### Donegal Cabled Kate Hat

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#### **Donegal Cabled Kate Hat,**

A handknit beanie style in Donegal tweed Sliabh Liag, a custom shade in 100% wool by Irish Designer Edel MacBride and spun at Donegal Yarns, Ireland.

The Clover and Ecrú images are Donegal soft merino tweed. Wool or natural blends in an Aran or Worsted yarn will suit best

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**Materials:** 85g (170 yards) of a Donegal spun Aran or Worsted weight 100% wool. A set of 5mm (US 8) straight needles and a tapestry sewing needle, a cable needle and stitch markers are optional.

The samples here are our yarn exclusive Sliabh Liag Grey tweed, Soft Donegal Merino tweed, Donegal Tweed original (main image) available from a number of suppliers and at [www.edelmacbride.com](http://www.edelmacbride.com) in the 'Edel's Wool Shop' collection.

To pick up the Hat Crown a smaller needle size (4mm) is recommended.

**Tension or Gauge: 16 stitches measured across 4ins (10cms) worked as follows:**

**Using 5mm needles work a square in stocking stitch (stockinette) larger than 4ins (10cms) each way. Mark 4ins (10cms) across the width with pins or stitch markers and count the stitches in between. If you have less than 16 stitches consider using a smaller needle size.**

**ONE SIZE (may be easily adjusted)**

The finished hat measured flat from side to side at the widest point across the cables is 10.25 ins (26 cms) or 20.5 ins (52 cms) for the full circumference.

The hat height from the edge to the top of crown: 8ins (20cms )

### Abbreviations

Cn: Cable needle

Cm(s): Centimeters

In(s): Inch/inches

Folls: Following

RS: Right side

WS: Wrong side

SKP: Slip 1, knit 1, PSSO (Pass Slip stitch over)

PUK: Pick up and knit

### Stitch Techniques

On PART ONE Single Moss Stitch on an EVEN stitch count:

Row 1: K1, P1 to end

Row 2: P1, K1 to end

**ON THE CROWN** Single moss on an **UNEVEN** stitch count is worked by repeating row one only.

**C6R:** Slip three stitches to CN and hold to the back. Knit the next three stitches and then the CN stitches

**C6L:** Slip three stitches to CN and hold to the front. Knit the next three stitches and then the CN stitches.

**(C6R is the same as C6B used on our earlier patterns and C6L the same as C6F)**

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## Notes

This knitted hat is made in two steps. The first is knitting the long headband strip on 29 stitches featuring two plaited cables and moss stitch. The second part is worked along the side of this length to complete the hat CROWN in stocking stitch.

The hat is sewn up **after** knitting.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### PART ONE

#### The Donegal Cables

Using 5mm needles cast on 29sts

Row 1: (RS) P2, K9, P2, K9, P1 Single Moss 6sts as foils; (K1,P1) 3 times

Row 2: Single Moss (P1, K1) 3 times, K1, P9, K2, P9, K2

**Repeat these two rows.**

Row 5: (RS) P2, K3, C6R, P2, K3, C6R, P1, single moss 6sts.

Row 6: Single moss 6, K1, P9, K2, P9, K2

**Repeat rows 1 and 2.**

Row 9: (RS) P2, C6L, K3, P2, C6L, K3, P1, single moss 6

Row 10: Single moss 6, K1, P9, K2, P9, K2

**Repeat Rows 1 and 2**

Now Repeat from **Row 5** until the cabled band measures approx. 20-21 ins (52cms) in length (adjust the length here for smaller or larger than average head sizes or a looser fit)

**Working at the tension given there are 17 pattern repeats.**

CAST OFF in pattern.

**PART TWO****The Crown****Based on a circumference (the length of Part one) of 20-21 ins (52cms)**

Using a 4mm needle (to make it easier) PUK along the RS purl edge of work as foils:  
 PUK the first stitch as close to the beginning as possible, then continue to PUK along the side as neatly as possible to the end, aim for 93 sts or adjust to this on the foll row.

TIP: I worked a stitch between the purl ladders twice then skipped the third ladder, working into every purl row would lift too many stitches. In summary the equivalent of two-thirds of the rows are needed in stitches. Use this proportion if working a different size or circumference of hat. (For example, if your hat brim is 150 rows long you need 100 sts picked up for the crown)

Using **5mm needles** work the reverse row now in single moss stitch.

Work another four rows of Single Moss.

**Shape the Crown**

With RS FACING

In stocking stitch SKP all 9th and 10th sts together, until 3sts remain, K3.

Next and every WS row, Purl to end

Continue in stocking stitch, placing the SKP decreases on every following **RS row** as follows:

SKP every 8th and 9th together,

SKP every 7th and 8th together,

SKP every 6th and 7th together,

SKP every 5th and 6th together,

SKP every 4th and 5th together,

SKP every 3rd and 4th together,

Finally, SKP every 1st and 2nd together ending with 10-12sts (or close enough!)

Work the WS row and now

Cut the working yarn leaving a 14-16 ins long tail and run a tapestry needle through the remaining sts THREE times. Pull closed firmly.

**Make Up**

Use the yarn tail at the crown to start sewing the seam downward in a mattress stitch. Use any tails on PART ONE to sew the cable band together, match the cable positions. Lightly steam on the inside along the seam. Depending on your yarn choice you may wash, reshape and dry flat.