



# Chip's 'Easy As' Swirly Beanie

Want an easy to knit beanie that looks amazing? Try this Swirly Beanie.

It's just right when knitted in Ripping Yarns hand dyed 90% Alpaca/10% Wool Double Knitting yarn on 4.5mm circular needles, and you'll use less than 100g of yarn.

Worried about using circular needles to knit in the round? Don't be! There's online links showing you how to use the Magic Loop technique. It's life (well, knitting) changing.....



## To make Hat

### What you need

- **Yarn** – DK - approx. 100g.
- **Needles** – Circular – 4.5mm (US 7) (don't worry about the length, but if you're using the Magic Loop technique then I prefer at least 100 cm)
- **Stitch Markers** – 4 (large safety pins will do nicely)
- **Yarn / tapestry needle** (for finishing)

## Tension

It really doesn't matter too much – the hat stretches.

## Sizes

I've sized the pattern for small, medium and large. But it's stretchy – so you'll get away with knitting the wrong size! Knit a medium (shown in **bold**) if you have an average head.

## Abbreviations

K	Knit
K2tog	Knit 2 together
P	Purl
PM	Place marker
SM	Slip Marker
Sts	stitches

## Directions

**Cast on** (100, **120**, 140) stitches using a stretchy cast on (see below).

**Join** in the round (see Magic Loop technique below).

**Work** body of hat - 20 cm of K3 P2 rib. Make sure you end with 2P.

**Start decreasing** as follows:

**First round** – \*(K3 P2) x (3, **4**, 5), K3, P1, K2tog, PM, K2, P2\*, repeat \*..\* four times.

**Second and subsequent rounds** – \*\*K3 P2 rib until 2 stitches before the marker, K2tog, SM, K2 P2\*\*.

**Repeat** \*\*..\*\* until 12 stitches remain.

Break yarn. Using the tapestry needle, thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and finish off.

## Technique References

### Stretchy Cast Ons

I do a long tail cast on.

Acknowledgement to Wikihow...

<https://www.wikihow.com/Do-the-Long-Tail-Cast-On>

### Magic Loop Technique

I can knit baby socks on 120cm circular needles using this technique. You'll never need double pointed needles again.....

Acknowledgement to Tin Can Knits...

<https://blog.tincanknits.com/2013/10/03/magic-loop/>