

BALALAIKA : HAT

for Maru and Friends, Kidz 'n' Cats
or 18-20.5" (46-52 cm) dolls

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Wool example : Schachenmayr «Bravo Baby» for needles 2.5 - 3.5

Cotton example : Schachenmayr « Catania » for needles 2.5 - 3.5

For this hat initially created for Kidz 'n' Cats, I used 4 needles 2.5. Should you use needles size 3, your hat will be adapted to Maru and Friends dolls like here on Tanya :



Cast on 64 stitches by dispatching them on 3 needles and knit with the 4th one. Use needles 2.5 for Kidz 'n' Cats and needles 3 for Maru and Friends dolls.

Note : I advise you to insert a contrasted yarn between the first and the last stitch of the row in order to remember where each row begins. This is essential when you will make the lace stitch otherwise you will not obtain a nice result. Move this yarn every time you end a row.

Row 1 : purl stitches

Row 2 : knit stitches

Row 3 : purl stitches

Row 4 : knit stitches

These 4 rows make 2 bars of garter stitch as you are knitting without turning your work.

Begin now the lace stitch on 11 rows as follows :

Abbreviations : ks (knit stitch), yo (yarn over), pss0 (slip stitch, knit stitch, pass slip stitch over knitted stitch), sk2p (Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over knit stitch), k2 (knit 2 together)

Row 5 : *1 ks, 1 yo, 1 pss0, 3 ks, 1 k2, 1 yo *. Repeat from * to *.

Row 6 : and all even rows, knit stitches all along.

Row 7 : *2 ks, 1 yo, 1 pssso, 1 ks, 1 k2, 1 yo, 1 ks*. Repeat from * to *.

Row 9 : *1 ks, 1 yo, 1 pssso, 1 yo, 1 sk2p, 1 yo, 1 k2, 1 yo *. Repeat from * to *.

Row 11 : *2 ks, 1 yo, 1 pssso, 1 ks, 1 k2, 1 yo, 1 ks*. Repeat from * to *.

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Row 13 : *3 ks, 1 yo, 1 sk2p, 1 yo, 2 ks*. Repeat from * to *.

Row 15 : *1 ks, 1 k2, 1 ks, 1 yo, 1 ks, 1 yo, 1 ks, 1 pssso *. Repeat from * to *.

Row 16 : knit stitches...end of lace stitch.

Row 17 : knit stitches all along but increase 2 stitches dispatches on the row in order to now obtain 66 stitches.

Row 18 : purl stitches

Row 19 : purl stitches

Row 20 : purl stitches.

Row 21 : purl stitches.

Row 22 : knit stitches.

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Row 23 : Begin decreasing : 9 knit stitches, 2 together, 9 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 24 : 8 knit stitches, 2 together, 8 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 25 : 7 knit stitches, 2 together, 7 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 26 : 6 knit stitches, 2 together, 6 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 27 : 5 knit stitches, 2 together, 5 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 28 : 4 knit stitches, 2 together, 4 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 29 : 3 knit stitches, 2 together, 3 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 30 : 2 knit stitches, 2 together, 2 knit stitches, 2 together, etc....

Row 31 : 1 knit stitch, 2 together...

Row 32 : 2 together, 2 together, 2 together.....

When only 4 stitches are left, cut yarn and use a wool needle (large opening) to pass yarn into these 4 last stitches, pull a bit to close and, on wrong side, nicely weave in ends.

HAPPY KNITTING !

BALALAIKA hat is presented here on Kidz 'n' Cats dolls and you may also see there a matching gilet (in white on the left and in yellow on the right).

The RENTREE DES CLASSES matching jacket can be found in my [BOUTIQUE \(←-CLICK HERE PLEASE\)](#)



[RENTREE DES CLASSES](#) (3 TUTORIALS : jacket, tunic and socks) is presented here on Raven a Maru and Friends doll.

