

# Runnin' Beanie by Woolly Wormhead



## *Yarn*

50g of Aran weight for the larger size; 50g heavy DK or Worsted weight for the smaller size.

## *Needles & Notions*

Set 4mm /UK8/US6 (for the smaller size) OR 4.5mm/UK7/US7 (for the larger size)  
DPNs/Circular or size needed to obtain gauge  
Stitch marker as necessary  
Tapestry needle

## *Sample details*

Shown in Fyberspates Scrumptious Aran on model with 23in/58.5cm circumference head

Shown in Fyberspates Vivacious DK on model with 20.5in/52cm circumference head

## *Gauge*

21 sts x 30 rows to 4in/10cm on 4mm needles over St.St. (for smaller size/finer yarn)

18 sts x 20 rows to 4in/10cm on 4.5mm needles over St.St. (for larger size/heavier yarn)

## *Sizes*

To fit sizes: 20 [22] in/51 [56] cm

## *Skills required*

Knit & purl sts, knitting in the round, increases & decreases

*Abbreviations*

K:	knit
P:	purl
RS:	right side
WS:	wrong side
Rnd/rnd:	round
rpt:	repeat
st(s):	stitch(es)
ssk:	slip next 2 sts knitwise, then knit these 2 sts together through the backs of the loops

*Pattern Support*

I'm afraid I'm unable to offer pattern support via email for my free patterns. Should you have any questions regarding this pattern please visit the Woolly Wormhead group on Ravelry:  
<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/woolly-wormheads-hats>

*Alteration notes*

This pattern requires a multiple of 10 sts, and so the maths of working a smaller or larger size wouldn't work easily at this gauge. If a larger or smaller size is required, quite simply use a finer or thicker yarn with corresponding needles.

Remember that the ladder created by the dropped stitch provides much greater width than the stitch itself, and will stretch up to 3 or even 4 times it's width!

*Special techniques*

It's really important to use the right cast-on method for this Hat. I cable cast-on instinctively for everything I make, and yet for this Hat it looked awful. After dropping the stitches the edge became all messy and uneven, and started to look like it might fall apart.

After a bit of playing around, I discovered that the best method was backward loop cast-on, which I understand is the easiest and most common way to cast on. If at the end you feel the Hat needs some strength around the brim, a crochet finish might help.

*How to*

Cast on 60 sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Place stitch marker to indicate start of round.

*Body*

Work in stocking stitch (knit every round) until the main body of the Hat measures approximately 8 in/20 cm (or desired length)

*Crown*

Rnd 1: \*K9, drop next stitch; rpt from \* to end [54 sts]  
 Rnd 2: \*K7, ssk; rpt from \* to end [48 sts]  
 Rnd 3: \*K6, ssk; rpt from \* to end [42 sts]  
 Rnd 4: \*K5, ssk; rpt from \* to end [36 sts]  
 Rnd 5: \*K4, drop next stitch, K1; rpt from \* to end [30 sts]  
 Rnd 6: \*K3, ssk; rpt from \* to end [24 sts]  
 Rnd 7: \*K2, ssk; rpt from \* to end [18 sts]  
 Rnd 8: \*K1, ssk; rpt from \* to end [12 sts]  
 Rnd 9: \* ssk; rpt from \* to end [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through remaining 6 sts and tighten to close.

*Finishing*

Weave in all ends. A gentle wash and blocking is recommended.



# Woolly Wormhead

Woolly Wormhead is a Hat Architect.

With an instinctive flair for unusual construction and a passion for innovation, Woolly Wormhead is a designer whose patterns are trusted and celebrated by knitters all over the world. As a designer, Woolly is driven by a need to create and develop her understanding of 3D form. Communicating her ideas and sharing her specialised knowledge with her audiences is key to Woolly's success as a designer. Woolly's high quality pattern writing ensures perfect results, teaches new skills and encourages us all to become Hat architects.

Visit [www.woollywormhead.com](http://www.woollywormhead.com) for further details.

