

# Aira



yarn: The Natural Dye Studio Alpaca Merino Sock, 2 skeins. (175 yards per 50g skein). Thicker sock yarns are probably more suitable for this pattern but we're going to try knitting it with something slightly finer too.

needles: 2.5mm and 3.5mm 16inch circular needles, 3.5mm DPNS.

abbreviations: k-knit, k2tog-knit two together, ssk-slip slip knit, sts- stitches, yo-yarn over, ml-make one.

gauge: my yarn was quite a thick 4-ply and gauge was really difficult to measure but I had about 26 sts per 4 inches after blocking over the lace section. My hat band measured about 19.5 inches which is just right for my 22 inch head but one test knitter found that her band grew

quite a lot after blocking. It's very easy to over stretch the band when trying to open up the lace so be careful with this. I just tried to flatten the crown and ease some of the bumpiest bits out!

With 2.5mm circular needle, cast on 148 sts and join to begin working in the round.

Place marker to indicate beginning of round.

Work 9 rounds stocking stitch.

Next round: (k2tog,yo)to end.

Work 9 rounds stocking stitch.

Next round: (k2, m1) to end. 222 sts.

Change to 3.5mm circular needle.

Work one round stocking stitch placing markers after every 37 sts. (These markers are optional but I found them helpful in marking the end of each pattern repeat).

Work rounds 1-10 of chart 4 times.

Work rounds 11-46 of chart.

Break yarn and using darning needle thread yarn through live sts and secure. Weave in ends and sew up picot hem to inside of hat using yarn. Wet block making sure that crown decreases are flat but letting lace section form pleats.



