Kirkstone

Kirkstone is a slouchy hat with simple, angular cables and a softly gathered crown. Worked in a dk weight yarn, it has just the right amount of drape whilst being extremely warm.

Materials:
Approximately 206{220}m DK weight yarn. Sample knit in Sublime Organic Merino DK.
4mm circulars (40 and 60cm) and 4mm dpns.

Gauge: 25 stitches/30 rows per 4 inches in main pattern.

Sizing:
Medium to fit head 20 – 22".
Large to fit head 22 -24"

Instuctions are written with size medium first, then size large in brackets. Medium{large}.
Finished measurements: 17.25{19}" rib circumference, 21.5{24}"main body of hat circumference. Both measurements are post blocking. Sample hat shown in size medium.

Abbreviations:
Sts – Stitches.
K – Knit.
P – Purl.
Rep – Repeat.
M1 – Make 1 knitwise.
M1P – make 1 purlwise.
CN – Cable needle.
P2tog – Purl two together.
K2tog – Knit two together.
RT – Right Twist: slip next stitch onto cable needle and hold in back, k1, k1 from cable needle.)
RTP – Right Twist Purl: slip next stitch onto cable needle and hold in back, k1, p1 from cable needle.)
LT – Left Twist. (Slip next stitch onto cable needle and hold in front, k1, k1 from cable needle.)
LTP – Left Twist Purl. (Slip next stitch onto cable needle and hold in front, p1, k1 from cable needle.)
L1 – Move marker 1 stitch left. (Remove marker, slip 1, replace marker.)
R2 – Move marker 2 stitches right. (Work to 2 stitches from end of round, slip 2, remove marker, slip 2 back to left hand needle, replace marker.)
LTDEC – Left Twist decrease. (Slip 1 to cable needle and hold in front, p2tog, k1 from cable needle.)

Notes:
~As this design features a lot of cabling, you may like to consider using the 'Cabling without a cable needle' method. There are many online tutorials for this.
~On round 13 of the decreases you will have to knit a stitch that looks like it should be purled.
~Be aware that a slippier yarn will give a drapier hat. The sublime organic merino that I used gave quite a firm fabric when knitted in the cable pattern.

Pattern

Using the long tail method and 40cm needle, cast on 90{100}sts. Place marker and join to begin working in the round.

Work 10 rounds rib as follows:

*(k1, p1)x2,k, rep from * to end.

Work rounds 1 through 30 of Main Hat Chart or written instructions once. After completing round 1 you will have 144{160}sts.
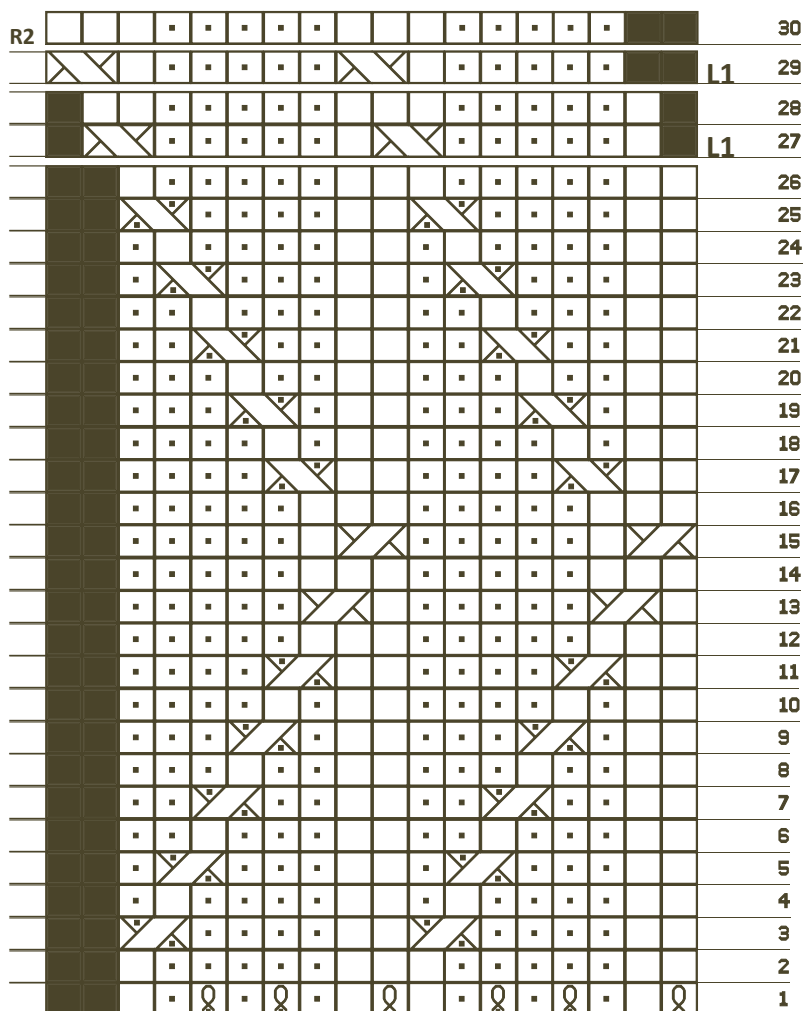
Work rounds 3 through 15 once more.

Work rounds 1 through 21 of Decreases chart, changing to dpns when necessary.
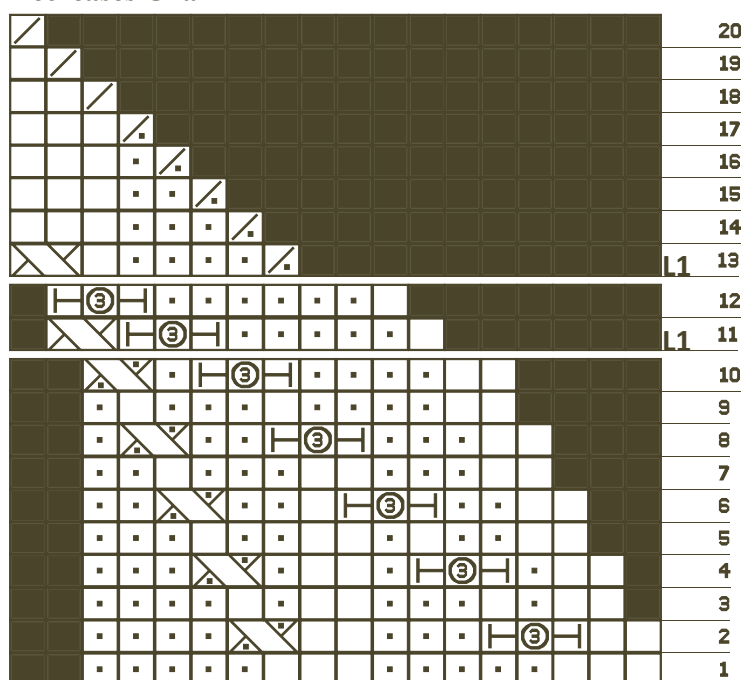
Break yarn. Draw through sts and pull tight.

Secure on inside.Weave in all ends and block as follows: Lay hat on it's side on a blocking mat and pin, being careful not to overstretch, especially rib.

Note: On all rounds charts are worked from right to left, beginning with round 1 at the bottom. Both charts will be worked 9{10} times per round.

Main Hat Chart

Decreases Chart

Key

□	knit
·	purl
⊠	LTP
⊠	RTP
⊠	LT
⊠	RT
H③H	LTDEC
╱	k2tog
╱	p2tog
℺	m1
℺	m1p
■	no stitch

Main hat written instructions

Round 1 - *m1, k1, (p1, m1p)x2, p1, k1, rep from * to end.

Round 2 - *k2, p5, k1, rep from * to end.

Round 3 - *k2, p4, RTP, rep from * to end.

Round 4 - *k2, p4, k1, p1, rep from * to end.

Round 5 - *k2, p3, RTP, p1, rep from * to end.

Round 6 - *k2, p3, k1, p2, rep from * to end.

Round 7 - *k2, p2, RTP, p2, rep from * to end.

Round 8 - *k2, p2, k1, p3, rep from * to end.

Round 9 - *k2, p1, RTP, p3, rep from * to end.

Round 10 - *k2, p1, k1, p4, rep from * to end.

Round 11 - *k2, RTP, p4, rep from * to end.

Round 12 - *k3, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 13 - *k1, RT, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 14 - *k3, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 15 - *RT, k1, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 16 - *k3, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 17 - *k2, LTP, p4, rep from * to end.

Round 18 - *k2, p1, k1, p4, rep from * to end.

Round 19 - *k2, p1, LTP, p3, rep from * to end.

Round 20 - *k2, p2, k1, p3, rep from * to end.

Round 21 - *k2, p2, LTP, p2, rep from * to end

Round 22 - *k2, p3, k1, p2, rep from * to end.

Round 23 - *k2, p3, LTP, p1, rep from * to end.

Round 24 - *k2, p4, k1, p1, rep from * to end.

Round 25 - *k2, p4, LTP, rep from * to end.

Round 26 - *k2, p5, k1, rep from * to end.

Round 27 - L1, *k1, p5, LT, rep from * to end.

Round 28 - *k1, p5, k2, rep from * to end.

Round 29 - L1, *p5, k1, LT, rep from * to end.

Round 30 - *p5, k3, rep from * to end. R2.

Decrease section instructions

Round 1 - *k3, p5, rep from * to end.

Round 2 - *k2, LTDEC, p3, k2, LTP, p4, rep from * to end. 135{150}sts.

Round 3 - *k2, p1, k1, p3, k2, p1, k1, p4, rep from * to end.

Round 4 - *k2, p1, LTDEC, p1, k2, p1, LTP, p3, rep from * to end. 126{140}sts.

Round 5 - *k2, p2, k1, p1, k2, p2, k1, p3, rep from * to end.

Round 6 - *k2, p2, LTDEC, k1, p2, LTP, p2, rep from * to end.117{130}sts

Round 7 - *(k2, p3)x2, k1, p2, rep from * to end.

Round 8 - *k2, p3, LTDEC, p2, LTP, p1, rep from * to end. 108{120}sts.

Round 9 - *k2, p4, k1, p3, k1, p1, rep from * to end.

Round 10 - *k2, p4, LTDEC, p1, LTP, rep from * to end. 99{110}sts.

Round 11 –L1,*k1, p5, LTDEC, LT, rep from * to end. 90{100}sts.

Round 12 - *k1, p6, LTDEC, rep from * to end. 81{90}sts.

Round 13 – L1*p2tog, p4, k1, LT, rep from * to end. 72{80}sts.

Round 14 –* p2tog, p3, k3, rep from * to end. 63{70}sts.

Round 15 - *p2tog, p2, k3, rep from * to end. 54{60}sts.

Round 16 - *p2tog, p1, k3, rep from * to end.45{50}sts.

Round 17 - *p2tog, k3, rep from * to end. 36{40}sts.

Round 18 - *k2tog, k2, rep from * to end. 27{30}sts.

Round 19 - *k2tog, k1, rep from * to end. 18{20}sts.

Round 20 - * k2tog all around. 9{10}sts.

Enjoy your hat!