

# Forest Fronds Beanie & Slouch Hats

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A twisted-rib brim flows into panels of baby-fern stitch, each separated by a column of single twisted stitches. The crown decreases are worked into the baby-fern stitch panels for a smooth transition at the top.

## Sizes M(L):

Beanie – 16(18)" brim circumference, unstretched;  
17(19½)" circumference around body of hat, unstretched  
Slouch – 16(18)" brim circumference, unstretched;  
21¼"(23½)" circumference around body of hat, unstretched

**Difficulty Level:** Intermediate

**Yarn:** Navajo by Tahki Select

(100% wool, 190 yards/50g per ball)

1(1) ball or 120(130) yards worsted-weight yarn for Beanie;

1(2) balls or 190(215) yards for Slouch

**Needles:** #6 dps and 16" circular

**Notions:** Stitch marker, darning or tapestry needle

**Gauge:** Approx. 22½ sts x 30 rows = 4" in Baby Fern Stitch

## Abbreviations and Special Stitches:

CO = cast on; dec = decrease; inc = increase; k = knit;  
k1tbl = knit 1 through back loop; k2tog = knit 2 sts tog;  
kfb = knit in front and back of same st; p = purl; rem =  
remain(ing); rep = repeat; ssk = slip 2 sts knitwise  
individually, then knit them together through back loops;  
yo = yarn over

**Cdd (centered double decrease):** Slip 2 sts together  
knitwise, k1, pass both slipped sts over.

**Twisted Rib:** \*K1tbl, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

## Baby Fern Stitch (12-st repeat):

**Rnd 1:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk, p1; rep  
from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnds 2 and 4:** \*K1tbl, k11; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 3:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, p1; rep  
from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 5:** \*K1tbl, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to end  
of rnd.

**Rnd 6:** \*K1tbl, k11; rep from \* to end of rnd.

## Baby Fern Stitch Chart:

										Q	6
•	\	○					○	/	•	Q	5
										Q	4
•	\		○				○	/	•	Q	3
										Q	2
•	\			○		○		/	•	Q	1

<input type="checkbox"/> knit	<input type="checkbox"/> ssk
<input type="checkbox"/> purl	<input type="checkbox"/> k1tbl
<input type="checkbox"/> k2tog	<input type="checkbox"/> yo



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## Beanie:

With circular needle, CO 96(108) sts. Join in the round,  
being careful not to twist, and placing marker for beginning  
of round.

Work in Twisted Rib for 1¼"

**Setup Rnd:** \*K1tbl, p1, k9, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.  
Work in Baby Fern stitch until work measures 6" from CO  
(approx. 6 repeats of Baby Fern pattern), ending with Rnd 6.

## Shape Crown:

**Rnd 1:** Work Rnd 1 of Baby Fern stitch.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end  
of rnd. 80(90) sts rem.

**Rnd 3:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to  
end of rnd.

**Rnd 4:** \*K1tbl, k9; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 5:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, ssk, p1; rep  
from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end  
of rnd. 64(72) sts rem.

**Rnd 7:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to  
end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end  
of rnd. 48(54) sts rem.

**Rnd 9:** \*K1tbl, p1, k3, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, cdd, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd.  
32(36) sts rem.

**Rnd 11:** \*K1tbl, p1, k1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, cdd; rep from \* to end of rnd. 16(18) sts  
rem.

**Rnd 13:** \*K1tbl, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** K2tog around. 8(9) sts rem.

Break yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight to close and  
secure end on inside of hat. Weave in cast-on end.

**Slouch:**

With circular needle, CO 96(108) sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist, and placing marker for beginning of round.

Work in Twisted Rib for 1¼"

**M size only** — Inc Rnd: K1tbl, k11, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k11, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k11, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb. 120 sts.

**L size only** — Inc Rnd: \*K1tbl, k11, k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb; rep from \* once more; k1tbl, k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2, \*\*k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k11; rep from \*\* once more; k1tbl, (kfb, k1) 3 times, kfb, k1tbl, k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2. 132 sts.

**Setup Rnd:** \*K1tbl, p1, k9, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd. Work in Baby Fern stitch until work measures 9" from CO (approx. 9 repeats of Baby Fern pattern), ending with Rnd 6.

**Shape Crown:**

**Rnd 1:** Work Rnd 1 of Baby Fern stitch.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. 100(110) sts rem.

**Rnd 3:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 4:** \*K1tbl, k9; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 5:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, ssk, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. 80(88) sts rem.

**Rnd 7:** \*K1tbl, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. 60(66) sts rem.

**Rnd 9:** \*K1tbl, p1, k3, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, k1, cdd, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. 40(44) sts rem.

**Rnd 11:** \*K1tbl, p1, k1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** \*K1tbl, cdd; rep from \* to end of rnd. 20(22) sts rem.

**Rnd 13:** \*K1tbl, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Dec Rnd:** K2tog around. 10(11) sts rem.

Break yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight to close and secure end on inside of hat. Weave in cast-on end.

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