

Tessellation, Series 1, Hat 1

This pattern was designed in honour of the annual [Click for Babies](#) campaign – I try to knit hats for this every year. Click for Babies provides information, resources for obtaining support, and (in Nov. and Dec.) hats for newborns.

This is the first in a series of tessellations, a concept I've become fascinated with as I explore colourwork.

I hope you enjoy it, and that you'll decide to knit at least one for Click for Babies :-)

Supplies:

- 15g / 45 yards Main Colour Yarn, DK Weight (MC)
- 5g / 15 yards Contrast Colour, DK Weight (CC)
- Darning needle for weaving ends
- US 6 / 4.00 mm needles – Circulars or DPN's

Gauge: 6 stitches and 9 rows per inch *after blocking*; the hat will measure 5.5 inches by 6.5 inches *after blocking but unstretched*. It will stretch to 15 inches.



Cast on 80 stitches in MC, and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist your caston.*

Work 8 rounds of k1 p1 ribbing.**

Work the colourwork chart - the pattern will repeat a total of 8 times around, and has 26 rows.

Decreases:

k1, slip slip knit (ssk), k4, knit two together (k2tog), k1 (Repeat 7 more times)

Knit 1 round

k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1 (Repeat 7 more times)

Knit 1 round

k1, ssk, k2tog, k1 (Repeat 7 more times)

Slip 2 stitches together as if to knit, knit the next 2 stitches together, and pass the 2 slipped stitches over (3 stitches decreased). Repeat 7 more times. You will have 8 stitches remaining on the needle.

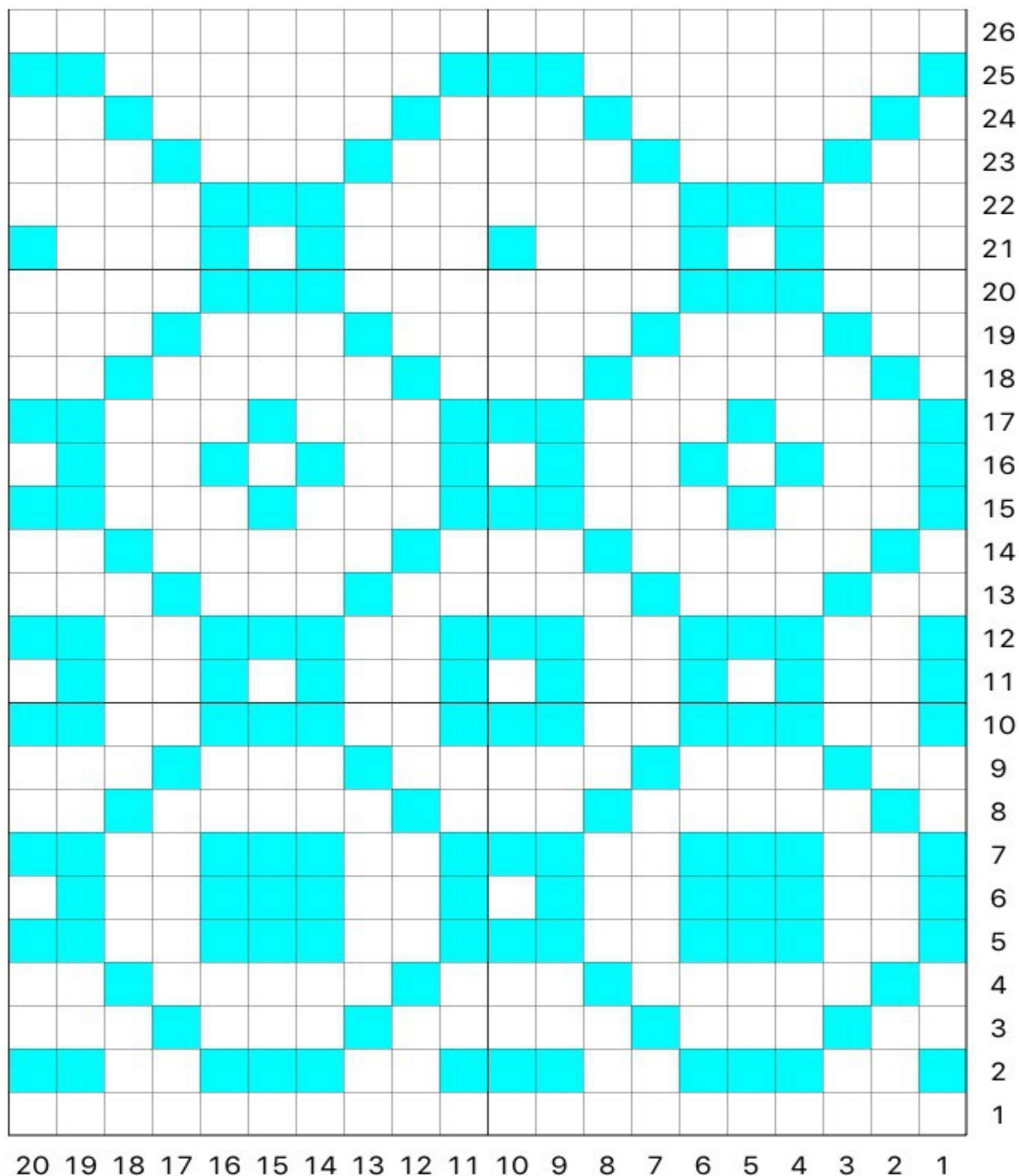
Cut a long tail, pull through the 8 stitches remaining on the needle, and weave in ends.***

*I used the [Chinese Waitress cast-on](#) for the hat sample.

**All knit stitches for the 8 rounds of ribbing were worked through the back loop.

*** I wound the yarn through the loose stitches at the top, using the “spokes” of the last 8 stitches to finish off with a little yarn button.

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