

# Nessie Hat



## Yarn

5 x 10g JC Rennie 4ply miniballs - Approx 50m each. Sample shown in A: Sahara (rocks), B: Atlantic Spray (loch), C: Calypso (Nessie), D: Fenland (hills), E: Duck Egg (sky). One miniball of each colour is enough for the largest size. The baby hat shown uses Kinross 4ply in Loch Ore and Glen and uses 20g of each colour.

## Needles and notions

3mm and 3.25mm DPNs or circular needle

8 Stitch markers

Darning needle

Scrap of red and black for Nessie's tam (hat!) - optional

## Size

To fit baby (child, small adult, large adult) approx. 16" (19", 21", 23")

## Tension

29 sts per 10cm over stranded stocking stitch

This hat is knitted in the round with stranded colourwork. There are some long stretches of one colour so keep an eye on your tension and make sure you know how to 'catch your floats' when they get too long. If you are new to colourwork try looking online for some tips. The optional tam (little red hat!) is embroidered on afterwards to avoid long floats.

## Cast on:

With smaller needles and rock colour cast on 108 (124, 140, 148) sts. Join in the round and mark the start of round.

1: K2, P2 to end

Work round 1 a total of 10 times.

Change to larger needles and increase 8 (9, 10, 12) sts as follows:

[K12 (12, 13, 11), kfb] x 8 (9, 10, 12), K to end if required.

You will now have 116 (133, 150, 160) sts

Work chart overleaf for 35 rounds according to your size – see below. You will work each row of the chart twice per round. Work the red and black ‘tam’ sts in Loch colour – these will be embroidered on afterwards.

The chart shows some sts within a red border – sts 1, 14, 32, 50 and 68 – and some within a yellow border – sts 13 to 30. For the **smallest** size do not work the stitches outlined in red or yellow. Each repeat will be 58 sts long. For the **second** size do not work the sts in red, work one repeat with the sts in yellow (this repeat will be 75 sts long) but the second repeat without (58sts). For the **third** size work all sts in yellow but not in red (75 sts per repeat). For the **largest** size work all shown sts in both repeats.

All chart rows are worked from right to left and from bottom to top.

Once the 35 chart rows have been completed break off the hill colour and continue with the crown in sky colour only. For the largest size work 3 rounds straight before starting crown.

Crown set up round:

First size: (K27, K2tog) x 4 (112sts)

Second size: (K24, K2tog) x 5, K3 (128sts)

Third size: (K23, K2tog) x 6 (144sts)

Knit one round

Crown – all sizes:

1: [K12(14, 16, 18), K2tog, PM] x 8 – 104(120, 136, 152) sts

2-4: Knit

5: [K to 2 sts before marker marker, K2tog, SM] x 8 – 8 sts decreased

6-7: Knit

8: Rep round 5

9: K

Work decrease round every alternate round until 64 (72, 80, 88) sts remain, then decrease every round until 8 sts remain.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining 8 stitches. Tighten carefully as the yarn is quite fragile.

If desired, embroider on the tam as shown on the chart using duplicate stitch (Swiss darning).

Weave in ends.

Wash twice in hot, soapy water (washing up liquid is better for the first wash, a gentle wool wash can be used for the second wash) soaking for 10 minutes each time. Block to shape and dry.

## Abbreviations

K - Knit

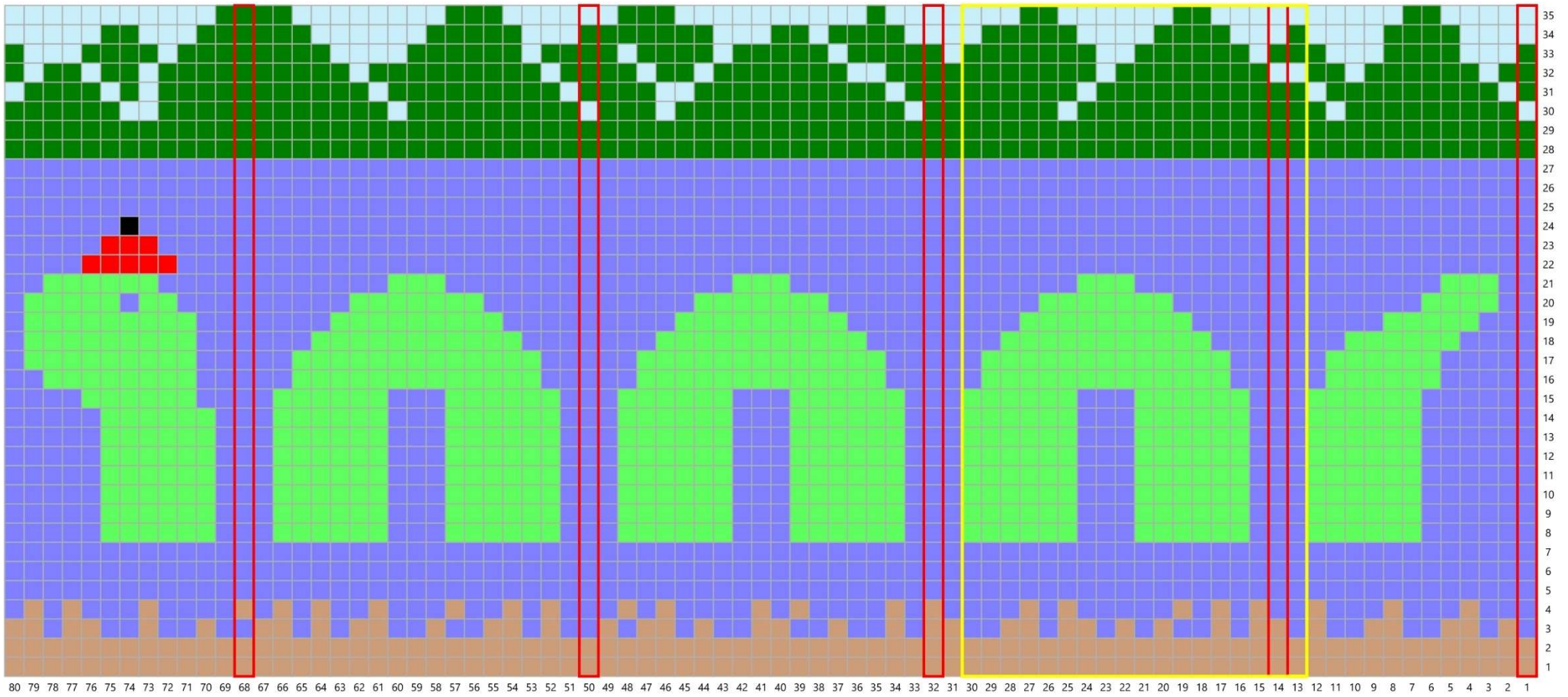
P - Purl

Sts - Stitches


K2tog - Knit two together (decrease 1)

PM – place marker

SM – slip marker



Key

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|  Stone          |  Black (Optional)       |
|  Loch           |  Hills                  |
|  Nessie         |  Sky                    |
|  Red (Optional) |  Large size only        |
|  |  Omit for smaller sizes |