

# Grown Up Grouch

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**Construction:** If you have ever wanted to make an adult sized hat from those yarns that come with the fun character hat toppers, this free chevron pattern uses a coordinating solid to supplement the variegated yarn for a warm, comfy hat. This is a variation of my Chevron Stripes pattern (also free, available at [www.theknitmckinley.com](http://www.theknitmckinley.com)) with different decreases and a long brim intended to be folded over.

**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Skills needed:** knitting and purling in the round, m1, and center double decreases.

**Finished size:** Adult

**Circumference:** 18", stretches to fit 21-22" head circumference

**Height:** 8" with folded brim (11 ½" total length)

**Gauge:** 19 sts x 24 rows = 4" in chevron pattern



## Materials:

- US8/ 5mm 16" circular and double-pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge
- 50 yards solid worsted weight yarn, *sample shown in Big Twist Value (100% acrylic, 380 yds, 170 g), light green.*
- 95 yards of variegated worsted weight yarn, *sample shown in Lion Brand Sesame Street One Street Wonder, (100% polyester, 95 yards) 503 Oscar*
- Stitch Marker
- Scissors
- Yarn needle

## Abbreviations:

- CC: contrasting color (variegated)
- CO: Cast on
- CDD: center double decrease: slip 2 as if to knit, knit 1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch together
- k: knit
- p: purl
- m1: make one stitch by lifting and knitting into bar between stitches
- MC: main color (solid)
- ssk: slip, slip, knit: slip next two stitches then knit the two slipped stitches together

**Notes:** The solid yarn is the main color (MC) used for the cast on and brim. The variegated yarn is the contrasting color (CC) used for the chevron pattern and crown of the hat. When adding the hat topper, I cut the elastic loop so I could put each end through the top of the hat separately before tying it tightly in place.

## Instructions:

Brim: Cast on 96 stitches with MC. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches. Place stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: \*k1, p1; repeat from \* to end of rnd,

Repeat rnd 1 twenty-three times (24 rounds worked, brim measures approximately 4”).

Body of Hat: Switch to CC and continue.

Rnd 2: knit all stitches.

Rnd 3: \*k1, m1, k4, CDD, k4, m1\* repeat to end.

Repeat rnds 2-3 fourteen times (15 two-round repeats total). Repeat round 2 once more.

*Crown decreases (Note: if using a 16” circular needle switch to dpn’s or preferred method of knitting a small circumference in the round when needed).*

Rnd 4: \*k5, CCD, k4\*; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: \*k1, m1, k3, CCD, k3, m1; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 6: \*k4, CCD, k3; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 7: \*k1, m1, k2, CCD, k2, m1; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 8: \*k3, CCD, k2; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: \*k2, CCD, k1; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 10: \*k1, CCD; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Rnd 11: knit around.

Rnd 12: ssk around.

Cut yarn leaving a 6” tail and weave tail through remaining stitches, drawing yarn tight to close top of hat. Weave in all remaining ends. Lightly wet block. Add hat topper and wear.