

# Woolly Wormhead

unique & original woolly Hat designs

## Hat Blocking pt1

### Blocking over a balloon

This method works particularly well for slouchy Hats and even beanies!



- 1) Soak your Hat in a specialist wool wash bath, rinse, and remove excess water by gently squeezing the Hat.
- 2) Blow up the balloon until it's about half the size of the Hat and hold between your fingers.
- 3) Slip the damp Hat over the balloon and continue to blow up the balloon – with the Hat on it! - until it is the desired size. Doing it this way avoids over stretching the brim, which can occur when placing the Hat over a fully sized balloon.
- 4) Stand on a small vase or plant pot and allow the brim to gently sit and reshape naturally. When the Hat is dry burst the balloon with a pin. Voila!

### Blocking over a splatter guard

This is a brilliant method for blocking berets as it lets the air through – Hats dry much faster than they would over a plate, and there's less risk of breakage!

- 1) Gently stretch the beret over a suitably sized splatter guard, and place in the wool bath.
- 2) As you lift the beret out from it's soak, gently press to remove excess water then place it between two towels to soak up even more water.
- 3) Then allow the beret to dry naturally on an airer or even standing against a work surface – wherever it can rest and dry undisturbed. Once the beret is dry, remove the splatter guard.
- 4) Placing the splatter guard inside the beret before soaking prevents any stretching of the brim and helps maintain shape. Should you place the guard inside the beret after soaking then gently reshape the brim by smoothly it inwards towards the centre as the beret dries flat.



### Contact

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# Woolly Wormhead

Woolly Wormhead is a Hat Architect.

With an instinctive flair for unusual construction and a passion for innovation, Woolly Wormhead is a designer whose patterns are trusted and celebrated by knitters all over the world. As a designer, Woolly is driven by a need to create and develop her understanding of 3D form. Communicating her ideas and sharing her specialised knowledge with her audiences is key to Woolly's success as a designer. Woolly's high quality pattern writing ensures perfect results, teaches new skills and encourages us all to become Hat architects.

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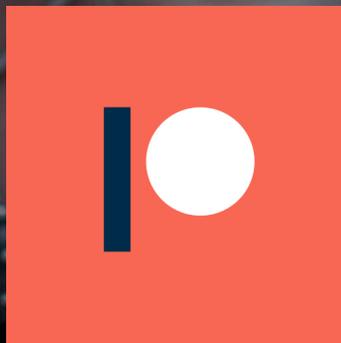




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