



ANY YARN HANDSPUN HAT

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This pattern works with just about ANY handspun yarn!

YARN: four to five ounces of handspun yarn, ANY YARN!

Ruler

Needles: circular or dpn's

Circular markers

Large needle for sewing in the ends

1. Do a rather large gauge swatch with the yarn and appropriately sized needles you want to use. Make it by casting on about 20 stitches and knitting 20 rows. Use a ruler to measure your gauge in several places. Use the average stitches per inch for your gauge.
2. Measure the head size and multiply the head size by your gauge to get the number of stitches to CAST ON. *For example. If my gauge swatch is 3.5 stitches per inch, and the head size is 20 inches:*

$$3.5 \times 20 = 70 \text{ stitches to CAST ON}^*$$

(*NOTE: if your CAST ON number of stitches is not divisible by 2, decrease the number by 1 so that it is!)

3. I use a 16 inch circular needle, but you can also use double pointed needles. I like using a cable CAST ON as it is quick and stretchy.
4. Knit in the round, using K1 P1 ribbing until you have knit 1 1/2 inches.
5. Knit in stockinette stitch until the total piece measures 5 1/2 inches.

DECREASE evenly across the next row so that the total number of stitches you have on your needles is divisible by 6

For example, with a total of 70 stitches, decrease evenly across the row by 4 stitches for a total of 66 stitches.

Divide your hat into 6 sections and place markers.

ROW1—*Knit two together, knit to the next marker, slip marker*, repeat * to * across.

ROW2—knit

Repeat these two rows until there are 6 stitches left. Break off the yarn and pull through the remaining stitches. Faster off and sew in the ends.

This handspun hat looks great, especially when slightly full by washing in hot soapy water, then rinsing thoroughly in cool water.

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BASIC HAT

SIZES: Sizes are written as follows in ().

<u>Children</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
(S, M, L),	(S, M, L),	(S, M, L)

YARN: 4 ounces of a worsted weight yarn for adults

2 ounces of a worsted weight yarn for children

NEEDLES: One pair US #6 shorts or circulars, AND one pair of US#8 shorts or circulars

OTHER: tapestry needle for sewing up the seam, highlight marker for marking Sizes.

LEGEND=====

k = knit

p = purl

CO = cast on

st = stitch

sts = stitches

k2tog = knit two stitches together

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First, decide on what size you want to make, and use the highlight marker to mark the stitch numbers for the size you are using for the pattern. This will help you to avoid ANY confusion!

With your larger US#8 needles, CO (84, 88, 90) (92, 92, 92) (96, 96, 96) sts

Change to your smaller US#6 needles and work in k1, p1 ribbing for (2, 2, 3) (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3) inches

Change to larger US#8 needles and work even in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row – the smooth side is the right side). Work until your piece measures *from the cast on edge* (7, 8, 8) (8, 8, 8) (8, 8, 8). END by working a wrong side row (a purl row).

TOP SHAPING

First decrease row: k (0, 1, 0) (2, 2, 2) (0, 0, 0): *k2tog, k1*, repeat from * to * across ending with (59, 59, 60) (62, 62, 62) (64, 64, 64) sts

Begin with a purl row and work (3, 3, 5) 5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5) rows even in stockinette stitch

Second decrease row: k (0, 1, 0) (0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0): *k2tog*, repeat * to * across, ending with (28, 30, 30) (31, 31, 31) (32, 32, 32) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving at least a 24 inch sewing length.

FINISHING

Thread your tapestry needle, and draw through the remaining stitch twice, pulling tightly to close circle and fasten securely on the inside. Sew seam and weave in all ends. You can make a pom pom if you wish or a tassel to decorate the top.

Easy Seaman's Scarf

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YARN: 200 yards of worsted weight yarn will give you a scarf of average length (I recommend Encore for beginners). For spinners, a yarn with a wpi in the range of 10 will do. This is a great wearing scarf for short jackets, where you can wear the scarf around your neck... very WARM!

NEEDLES: One pair of US#9 short needles or circulars **GAUGE:** 4 ½ sts/in (not critical!)

OTHER: tapestry needle for sewing in ends, tape measure, row counter(optional)

LEGEND

K = knit P = purl CO = cast on BO = bind off st = stitch sts = stitches

WS = wrong side RS = right side

CO 28 stitches

A. GARTER STITCH BLOCK

Knit in garter stitch (knit each row) for 3 inches. Mark the side of the fabric facing you for the next row as the WRONG SIDE.

B. STOCKINETTE STITCH BLOCK

ROW 1 (WS) - K4, P across to the last 4 sts, and K4

ROW 2 (RS) - Knit across

REPEAT rows 1 and 2 until the stockinette stitch block measures 2 ½ inches, ending after finishing a ROW 2 (RS) row

C. TWO GARTER STITCH RIDGES

WRONG SIDE facing—Knit 4 rows. After knitting the fourth row, you will be ready for a WS row.

D. 2nd STOCKINETTE STITCH BLOCK

(repeat STOCKINETTE STITCH BLOCK above beginning with ROW 1, and knit section for 2 ½ inches, but this time, end after finishing a ROW 1 (WS) row.

RIBBING

With the RS facing, begin your K2, P2 ribbing. Continue the ribbing for 20 inches, ending having completed a RS row. Now complete the scarf by knitting the blocks in the backward order: D, C, B, and A. Be careful to note which side to start your patterns on so that the RIGHT SIDES match!!

BO your last garter stitch row. Sew in all your ends, and fringe if desired.

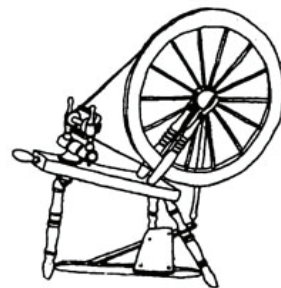
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Caps For Kids Patterns

Here are two simple hat patterns and a child's sweater pattern for your use.

CROCHETED PREEMIE CAP

Size: 10" diameter

Materials: Sport yarn, one 3-oz (279 yd.) skein white #01. Crochet hooks sizes 4/E and 5/F (3.5 and 3.75 mm) or size to obtain gauge. Satin ribbon 1/8" wide; 2/3 yard. Tapestry needle.

Gauge: In sc with larger hook, 11 sts = 2"; 6 rows = 1" Make gauge swatch as follows: Ch 12.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1, turn - 11 sc.

Rows 2-6: Sc in each sc across; ch 1 turn. Swatch should measure 2" wide. If swatch is too narrow, change to larger hook. If swatch is too wide, change to smaller hook. Make another swatch to prove gauge.

Ribbed Brim: With smaller hook, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 4 sc; ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: Work across in sc, inserting hook through back of sts only; ch 1 and turn. Rep row 2 until band measures 10" long. Do not end off.

Top:

Row 1: With larger hook, ch 1, work 54 sc along long edge of band; ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc). Dc in next sc; *ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * to end of row; ch 1 and turn.

Row 3: Sc in each dc and ch-1 sp around; ch 1 and turn - 54 sc.

Row 4: Sc in each sc across; ch 1 and turn. Rep row 4 until cap measures 2" from edge.

Shape Top:

Row 1: *Sc in 4 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across: ch 1 and turn - 45 sc.

Rows 2, 4, 6, and 8: Sc in each sc across; ch 1 and turn.

Row 3: *Sc in 3 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn - 36 sc.

Row 5: * Sc in 2 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn - 27 sc.

Row 7: *Sc in 1 st, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn - 18 sc.

Row 9: Work 2 sc tog across; ch 1 and turn - 9 sc.

Row 10: Rep row 2; do not ch 1, but end off.

Finishing: Weave end of yarn through rem sts and pull tightly to close top. Sew back seam.

Weave ribbon through eyelet row, tying a bow in center front.

DOUBLE CROCHET HAT

Materials: Knitting worsted weight yarn; Crochet hook size I

Gauge: 5 dc = 2 in.; 6 rows = 5 in.

Beginning at top, with main color, ch 5, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 12 dc in ring. Join with a sl st in top of ch 3. Turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in each dc around - 24 dc. Join; turn each rnd.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc) 12 times - 36 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, (dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 12 times - 48 dc.

Rnds 5-12: Ch 3, dc in each dc around. Drop main color.

Work the next 3 rows with contrasting colors for striping pattern.

Rnd 13: With first contrasting color, sc in each st around.
Rnd 14: With second contrasting color, sc in each st around.
Rnd 15: With third contrasting color, sc in each st around.
Rnd 16: With main color, dc in each st around. Join and end off.

Fold last 5 rows to right side for cuff.

A CHILD'S SWEATER

Directions are for Small Size (1T to 2T), Medium (3T to 4T).

Materials: Sports weight yarn - (2 oz skeins) 4 (5) skeins; Size G crochet hook

Gauge: 3 groups of sts = 2 inches; 5 rows = 2 inches

Pattern Stitch: Multiple of 3 ch. Chain indicated number of sts.

Row 1: In 3rd ch from hook, work 2 dc, *skip ch, work 1 sc and 2 dc in next st. Repeat from * to last 3 ch; skip 2 ch, 1 sc in last ch; ch 2, turn.

Row 2: 2 dc in first sc, *skip 2 dc, work 1 sc and 2 dc in next sc for a group st. Repeat from * to last group st; skip 2 dc, 1 sc in turning ch, ch 2, turn.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern.

Back: Ch 54 (60). Work in pattern having 17 (19) group sts across, working for 9 (10) inches. Width of back is 11 1/2 (12 1/2) inches.

Armholes: Sl st in first sc, sl st in each of next 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next sc, continue pat across, end with 1 sc in the sc just before last group st, ch 2, turn. Continue in pat on the 15 (17) pats to 4 (4 1/2) inches straight above the underarm. Fasten Off.

Front: Work same as back to 2 (2 1/2) inches straight above underarm.

Neck: Work 4 (5) group sts; 1 sc in next sc, ch 2, turn. Continue on the 4 (5) groups to match back armholes. Fasten off.

Join yarn in sc of 5th (6th) group from other edge, ch 2, 2 dc in same sc, work pat across, end with 1 sc in turning ch, ch 2, turn. finish same as other side.

Sleeves: Ch 26 (28). Starting in 2nd ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch across: 25 (27) sc, ch 1, turn. With 1 sc in each sc, work 5 more rows; ch 2, turn.

Pat Row 1: 2 dc in first sc, *skip 1 sc, 1 group st in next sc; repeat from* to last 2 sc; skip 1 sc, 1 sc in last sc; ch 2, turn: 12 (13) groups across.

Work on the 12 (13) groups to 9 (11) inches from start. Place a marker at each side. Work 2 more rows. Fasten off. Seam shoulders. Sew sleeves in place with markers on sleeves at start of armholes. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Caps For Kids Knit Patterns

Here are three simple hat patterns for your use.

A QUICK KNIT CAP

Materials: 1 skein worsted weight yarn (or scraps to make stripes); Size 8 knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 4 1/2 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch.

Cast on 72 (84) stitches. Knit in K1, P1 ribbing for 10 1/2 inches. Decrease crown of hat as follows.

Row 1: K1, K2 tog, P1, sl 1, K1, PSSO, repeat across row: 48 (56) sts.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P3,*. Repeat between * until last 2 sts. P2.

Row 3: K1, sl 1, K1, PSSO, K3, K2 tog. Repeat across row: 36 (42) sts.

Row 4: Purl across row.

Row 5: K1, sl 1, K1, PSSO, K1, K2 tog. Repeat across row: 24 (28) sts.

Row 6: Purl across row.

Row 7: K2 tog across row: 12 (14) sts.

Row 8: Purl across row. Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch tail.

Sew through the stitches remaining on needle to close the top. For added strength thread through second time. Pull tight. Sew seam.

SWIRLED SKI CAP

Materials needed: 1 Skein white 4 ply yarn; Size 8 knitting needles; 1 skein contrast 4 ply yarn (or various small amounts of different colors for rainbow)

NOTE: This amount of yarn will make two caps. If you want a solid color cap you just need one skein of yarn. For rainbow colored cap add different colors on knit rows and white on purl rows.

CAST on 30 (child) or 40 (adult) stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl 1st two stitches tog, purl to last stitch; knit twice in last stitch.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl 1st two stitches tog, purl to last stitch; knit twice in last stitch.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Repeat row 4.

CHANGE COLOR.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Knit 1st two stitches tog, knit to last stitch, knit twice in last stitch.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Repeat Row 8.
Row 11: Purl.
Row 12: Repeat row 8.

Repeat these 12 rows 7 times (9). Cast Off.

Pick up 86 (108) stitches on bottom of piece. Knit one, Purl one for 20 (30) rows, With main color yarn, sew up side seam, gathering top together--make pom-pom and sew to top.

You may pick up stitches on D.P. needles or a circular needle to knit the rib on the bottom of cap.

KNITTED PEA CAP

MATERIALS: 2 oz. worsted weight yarn or sport weight yarn can be used using 2 strands; No. 5 knitting needles.

NOTE: The first 16 rows can be made in stripes working 4 rows of 4 different colors and the remainder with main color.

Starting at cuff, cast on 106 sts.

Row 1: K2, *P2, K2. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: P2, *K2, P2. Repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 16 rows. With main color knit 1 row. Repeat 2nd and 1st rows alternately until total length is 10 inches ending with 1st row.

Top Shaping:

Row 1: P2 tog, *K2, P2 tog. Repeat from * across - 79 sts.

Row 2: K1, P2, K1. Repeat across.

Row 3: P1, *K2, P1. Repeat from * across.

Row 4: Repeat 2nd row.

Row 5: P1, *K2 tog, P1. Repeat from * across - 53 sts.

Rows 6, 7, & 8: Work in K1, P1 ribbing.

Row 9: K2 tog 26 times, K1.

Row 10: P across.

Break off, leaving a 20 inch length of yarn. Thread this length into a needle and slip remaining sts onto it. Draw together tightly and fasten securely on wrong side. Sew a 5 inch back seam starting at top; then reverse seam for turn-up.

SUNDAE TOPPER

Materials: Sport yarn (2 ply): 2 ozs. color A; 1 oz. color B. Knitting needles No. 6 and No. 4.

Gauge: Size 6 needles: 12 sts = 2 inches; size 4 needles: 14 sts = 2 inches.

With No. 6 needles and color A, cast on 30 sts.

Row 1: (Right side) inc 1 st in first st as if to K, P to end of row.

Row 2: K2 tog, K to end of row (mark end of row for top of hat).

Rows 3-6: Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice.

Drop A (Do not break yarn). Join B (carry color not being used along edge).

Row 7: With B, inc 1 st in first st, K to end of row.

Row 8: K2 tog, P to end of row.

Rows 9-12: Repeat rows 7 and 8 twice, drop B, pick up A.

Row 13: With A, inc 1 st in first st, K to end.

Repeat rows 2 through 13, 6 times. End last repeat on wrong side with row 12.

There will be 7 strips of each color. Bind off with B.

TOP: With right side facing and No. 6 needles. Color A - Pick up and K 3 sts in end of each strip across top edge (42 sts).

Row 1: *K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row (21 sts).

Row 2: K to end of row.

Row 3: K1, *K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row (11 sts).

Break yarn, leaving a 10 inch length, thread into tapestry needle, draw through sts. Pull tightly and fasten.

RIBBED BAND: Wrong side facing and Color A - With No. 4 needles, pick up and K7 sts across end of first stripe, K6 sts across remaining stripes (85 sts).

Row 1: (When knitting, K in back of st) K1, *K1, P1, repeat from * across row to end.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, repeat from * across row to end.

Repeat last 2 rows until band measures 3 1/2 inches. End with Row 1. Bind off in ribbing.

FINISHING: Sew side edges of hat tog, up to ribbed band. Sew ribbed band tog, so seam is reversed. Make pom-pom, sew to top.

These patterns have been provided by the Caps For Kids program.

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Comfy Knit Snuggle

Here is a great "comfy" knit pattern for the Snuggles. The stitch is a small open stitch. Shirley Bowles tells us that this pattern will lay flatter if you knit 2 rows at the beginning and knit 2 rows at the end of the pattern. We agree. Thanks, Shirley.

Materials:

Worsted weight (or doubled sport weight), acrylic or cotton

Size 9 knitting needle

Cast on a length to equal desired width in multiples of 2 (add 2 for base chain).

Row 1, 4, 5 and 8 (right side): K across.

Row 2 and 6: P across.

Row 3: K1 (edge st), * yo, K2tog *, repeat from * to * ending with K1 (edge st).

Row 7: K1 (edge st), * K2tog, yo *, repeat from * to * ending with K1 (edge st).

Repeat rows 1 to 8 until desired length. Fasten off.

There is no need to go out and get expensive fuzzy yarn. This stitch is thick and comfy and works up fast. You can adjust the thickness by working yarn together over larger needles. For best results in finishing, leave ends long and weave the ends through the work using a tapestry needle.

Seed Stitch Knit Snuggle

Materials:

Worsted weight (or doubled sport weight), acrylic or cotton

size 10 knitting needles

Cast on over a multiple of 2 sts + 1 + 2 edge sts.

Row 1 (right side): K1 (edge st), *K1, P1*, repeat from * to * ending with K1 and K1 (edge st).

Row 2: Exactly in the same manner as Row 1.

Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 until desired size. Fasten off.

For best results in finishing, leave ends long and weave the ends through the work using a tapestry needle.

Easy Knit Snuggle

By Janice Winkler

Materials:

10-1/2 knitting needles

Worsted weight yarn (2 colors, 1 light and 1 dark)

Instructions:

Cast on as many stitches as you will need for your particular size Snuggles ... use TWO strands of knitting worsted, one light color and one darker color, then simply knit every row. It goes fast, you don't have to pay attention to pattern either as the two colors make their own pretty pattern. I find that it is nicely padded without having a complicated pattern to follow AND I can crank out twice as many of these as I used to when I used only one strand.

Alternate in Crochet: If crocheting with two strands, use a "J" or "K" hook or one that will give you close stitches without being too tight for your crochet hook. It can be worked in double or single crochet, remembering to ch (2 for sc, 3 for dc) at the end of each row then turn.

"Joyful Journey" Snuggle

Material:

Worsted-weight yarn

Knitting Needles size 9

Instructions:

In multiples of 6 sts plus 3, cast on to desired width.

Note: Slip sts purlwise with yarn at back of work (wrong side).

Foundation Row: K1, p1, * k2, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 1 (right side): K1, sl 1, * k2, sl 1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: K1, p1, * k2, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Row 5: K1, sl 1, * k5, sl 1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 6: K1, p1, * k5, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Rows 9 and 10: Work same as rows 1 and 2.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Row 13: K4, sl 1, * k5, sl 1; rep from * to last st, k4.

Row 14: K4, p1, * k5, p1; rep from * to last st, k4.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Rep the last 16 rows for pattern to desired length. Finish off.

Bamboo Knit Snuggle

Materials:

Worsted weight (or doubled sport weight), acrylic or cotton

Size 9 knitting needle

Cast on a length to equal desired width in multiples of 2 + 2 edge sts.

Row 1 (right side): K1 (edge st), * yo, K2, pass the yo over the 2 K sts*, repeat from * to * ending with K1 (edge st).

Row 2: P across.

Repeat rows 1 to 2 until desired length. Fasten off. Weave in all loose ends.

For best results in finishing, leave ends long and weave the ends through the work using a tapestry needle.

EASY REVERSIBLE THERMAL SCARF (OR SHAWL OR AFGHAN)
Esther's 1995 Knitlist Gift Exchange Pattern

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I avoid all of the problems associated with having many friends, each of whom celebrates/observes one or more of the religious and secular holidays of this time of year, by celebrating a more personal holiday, hobbit style. (For those of you who are unfamiliar with hobbits and their customs, I refer you to J.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. :-)
My hobbit gift to you all is yet another scarf! But wait, it gets better since you can easily expand this idea to create a shawl or an afghan. And you can use just about any yarn you like. I'd recommend a sports, DK, or worsted weight. Gauge isn't all that important either since this is a very stretchy pattern stitch; I've given you my gauges for this pattern stitch for both sports and worsted weight yarns as a guide.

The pattern stitch I've used comes from Jane Neighbors' *Reversible Two-Color Knitting*. (If you ever see a copy of this book, which I think may be out-of-print, grab it. It fits very nicely on your shelf of knitting books, between Barbara Walker's 3-vol. treasury of patterns and Beverly Royce's *Notes on Double Knitting*.) It is a thermal stitch (i.e. has little built-in pockets to trap the air), which Ms. Neighbors calls "Shadow Boxing" and is an "opposite reversible" pattern. That is, one color/yarn will dominate one side of the fabric; the other color/yarn, the other side. The result is a lightweight, warm, truly reversible fabric. The key to this stitch is to use large needles, much larger than you would normally use for the given yarn you've selected.

You will need two yarns (identified as A & B.) As for what yarn to use, anything goes so long as both yarns are the same weight. Suggestions: For a bold look, use two strongly contrasting colors; a sophisticated, elegant look is created by using shades of the same color. I think it's equally fun to mix textures. Try a "smooth" yarn (silk, merino or alpaca, for example) with a "hairy" yarn (mohair or angora). A boucle or chenille might work well as one of the yarns, too. You don't have to work with expensive yarns, such as my above examples, either; I did my swatches with an acrylic sports weight "smooth" yarn and an acrylic sport weight "faux" angora. Double the fun by mixing color and texture! My favorite swatch so far has been the above-mentioned acrylic yarns, one cream and the other white. Have fun! :-)

Materials:

Yarn: 1 2-oz. skein each of 2 yarns of the same weight. (This should be enough for a scarf approximately 4 feet long; if you want a longer scarf or want to add fringe, you will need more of each yarn.)

Needles: 1 circular needle, or 2 double-pointed needles, several sizes larger than you would normally use for your chosen yarn. (This pattern stitch cannot easily be knit on single-pointed needles.)

My gauges:

43 sts = about 8"; 6 rows = about 1" (sports weight yarn & size 8 American needles)

43 sts = about 9"; 7 rows = about 1" (worsted weight yarn & size 10 American needles)

Don't worry if yours don't match mine exactly. Strive for a gauge that will show off the pattern stitch; it should be on the loose side, allowing the boxes to open after a little stretching during blocking. Also, you may decide to use a triple wrap in rows 2 & 4.

Abbreviations & Terms:

slide -- slide stitches to the opposite end of the circular or double-pointed needles because this is where you will find the desired yarn for the next row.

turn -- knitting should be turned around in order to work back in the direction you just came from (the "normal way of proceeding).

yib -- yarn in back

yif -- yarn in front

Pattern Stitch:

Shadow Boxing Stitch -- opposite reversible; multiple of 4 sts plus 3.

Cast on with yarn A, slide.

Be sure to keep the first stitch of each row loose.

Row 1: With yarn B -- K3, * sl 1 yib letting extra wrap drop (there will be no extra wrap in the very first row), k3, rep from *. Turn.

Row 2: With yarn B -- P1, p1 wrapping the yarn twice around needle instead of once, p1 * sl 1 yif, p1, p1 with double wrap, p1, rep from *. Slide.

Row 3: With yarn A -- K1, * sl 1 yib letting extra wrap drop, k3, rep from *, ending k1. Turn.

Row 4: With yarn A -- P1, sl 1 yif, p1, * p1 with double wrap, p1 sl 1 yif, p1, rep from *. Slide.

Repeat Rows 1-4.

Instructions:

Cast on 43 sts for a scarf, either weight above, since 8-9" is a good scarf width. If you want a wider scarf, make sure that when you add more stitches you end up with a multiple of 4 plus 3. Work the pattern stitch (given below) until desired length is reached. Bind off loosely. Block. Add fringe (optional).

Variations:

Use worsted weight yarn and make an blanket-sized (60 x 80") afghan with 287 sts and 560 rows. Scaled down with baby yarn but same number of sts and rows gives you a cuddly baby blanket.

You can make a 24 x 60" (approx.) rectangular shawl, worsted weight yarn, with either 287 sts and 168 rows, or 127 sts and 420 rows. The boxes will be oriented differently in each, creating subtly different looks.

You can substitute sports or DK weight for the afghan or shawl; just use your gauge to determine the necessary number of stitches and rows to use.)

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TEXTURED HOODED COAT SCARF by Leef Bloomenstiel ©2004

Have that special favorite coat without a hood? My favorite coat is a tailored leather suit jacket. It looks great for any occasion, both dressy and casual. When it is COLD outside, I love to wear it with this hooded coat scarf. Not only does it take the place of keeping up with both a hat AND a scarf, but it is warm and snuggly and very elegant looking. It can be worn in many attractive ways as well.

With all the fashionable fur type yarns out there, you can have a BALL matching up wool and fur combinations. I have chosen to write this pattern using very popular and affordable yarns by Lion Brand; Wool-ease worsted weight and Fun Fur. My goal in writing this pattern is to give you enough information and details, that you can substitute ANY yarn comfortably and knit this pattern with confidence! In order to substitute yarns, be sure and make the gauge swatches as indicated!

(NOTE: If you prefer a coat scarf without the fur, complete instructions are given on the last page of this pattern)

YARN

- Three 3 ounce balls of Wool-ease worsted weight yarn – Each ball contains 197 yards and the patterns uses just over 2 balls – The scarf pictured was done in #126 Chocolate Brown.
- One 1 ¾ ounce ball of Fun Fur – Each ball contains 60 yards – The scarf pictured was done in Shade 126 Chocolate

NEEDLES

- One pair US#6 straight needles
- One pair US#10 straight needles

NOTIONS

- Large eyed needle for sewing in ends
- Large quilting T-pins for marking scarf
- Tape measure
- A row counter is handy





GAUGE

You will need to make two necessary gauge swatches.

- With US#6 needles and the Wool-ease yarn, cast on 12 stitches and knit 12 rows in stockinette stitch. The gauge should be 4 ½ stitches per inch. Choose whatever needle size you need to meet this gauge.
- With US#10 needles, hold both the Wool-ease yarn and Fun Fur together and knit as one. Cast on 10 stitches and knit 9 rows. Cast off the tenth row and measure your swatch. It should measure 3 inches wide and 2 inches long. Therefore, 10 stitches per 3 inches and 10 rows per 2 inches. Use whatever needle size you need to meet this gauge.

LEGEND

k – knit

p – purl

k2tog – knit two stitches together

ssk – slip one, slip one, then knit them together

CO – cast on

BO – bind off

inc1 – an increase worked by knitting and purling in the same stitch

st – stitch

sts - stitches

By working with the gauge swatches, you can see how you can substitute many different yarns, including handspun for this pattern. So, let's start knitting!

FUR BEGINNING

With the larger needles, US#10, and holding both yarns together, use a cable cast on and CO 24sts.

Knit 10 rows.

Cut the fur yarn leaving about a 6 inch tail for weaving in later, and continue the next row using US#6 needles and just the strand of wool.

*Increase row: *inc1, inc1, k1*, repeat * to * (40sts now on the needles)*

Knit one row

Begin ridged rib pattern starting with the right side row, which is Row1.

Ridged Rib Pattern – this pattern repeat consists of 4sts plus 2, with the addition of 2 selvedge sts. The first stitch of each row is slipped purl-wise and the last stitch of each row is knitted. This makes a nicely chained edge stitch to the whole pattern, making the areas that are sewn up, or picked up later on in the pattern, more easily worked.

Row1(RS): slip 1 purlwise, Purl to last st, k1 (Mark the RIGHT SIDE for reference!)

Row2: slip 1 purlwise, Knit across

Row3: slip 1 purlwise, *k2, p2* repeat from * to * until the last 3 sts, k3

Row4: slip 1 purlwise, p2, *k2, p2* repeat from * to * to the last st, k1

Repeat rows 1-4 for pattern

—Knit for a total of 60 inches, measuring from the very beginning. End after knitting a pattern Row2.

—Knit one row

—Pick up the fur yarn and holding it with the wool, begin the next row, *the decrease row* with the larger US#10 needles.

Row1 (*decrease row*): *k2tog, k2tog, k1* Repeat * to * (24 sts on needles)

Rows 2 through 9 – knit

Row 10 – bind off in knit (be careful not to bind off tightly, as you do not want these sts to pull in)

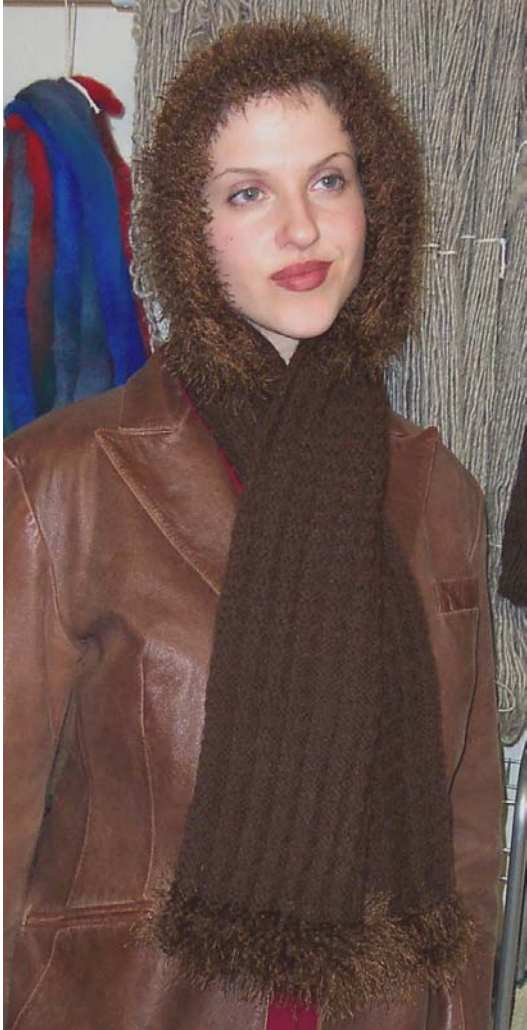
Sew in all ends neatly. Use a steam iron and a cloth and block the scarf to 8 inches wide.* Fold the scarf with the WRONG SIDE out, exactly in half. It should measure 8 inches wide by about 32 inches long.

***NOTE:** *I do NOT block all acrylic yarn!* It can be carefully steamed, but you MUST use a test swatch first. Acrylic tends to lose its yarn character =totally= under heat and/or steam blocking. Wool-ease has high enough acrylic content that you must be careful when working with it. It definitely should not be blocked as with 100% wool. Work with a test swatch FIRST!

NOTE ON LENGTH – The scarf pictured is an average length coat scarf. However, you can knit this scarf as fashionably long (or short) as you want!

SEAMING THE HOOD

Use your measuring tape and measure from the fold along the edge, down NINE inches, and mark it with a large pin. Use your large eyed needle and your wool and seam the nine inches from the pin to the folded top edge, using a mattress stitch. It is easy to pick up the loops from the chained selvedge. Secure your ends well. Now you can turn the scarf right side out, and you have the beginning of your “hood”!



KNITTING THE HOOD FUR

Lay your scarf out flat (folded at the center for the hood), with the right side out, and the seamed edge toward you. Measure the edge opposite the seamed edge (the edge that frames the face) 12 inches on each side of the top fold. That will be 24 inches all together framing the face opening. Mark off every three inches with a pin. This will make it easy to count your stitches as you pick them up between the pins.

Hold the wool and the fur together and use the larger US#10 needles. Pick up 10 stitches every three inches (between pins). You should have picked up a total of 80 stitches.

BEGIN FUR EDGING AROUND FACE

Row1,3,5,7 9 – knit

Row2,4,6,8 – ssk, knit to the last two stitches, k2tog

Row10: ssk, BO in knit across row to last two sts, k2tog for final bind off stitch

Sew in all ends and enjoy!

HOODED COAT SCARF WITHOUT FUR!

If you prefer a hooded scarf *without the fur*, read on!

-Follow all the guidelines for gauge for the Wool-ease yarn and US#6 needles...

1. Use a cabled cast on, CO 48st and knit one row
2. Follow the ridged rib pattern (page 3), beginning with Row1 (RS)
3. Knit for a total length of 60 to 62 inches, ending with a Row2. Knit one more row, binding off as you go.
4. Sew in all ends and fold in half. Steam or block to 9 1/2 inches.
5. Follow the directions for measuring and seaming the back for the hood (page3)..

Add embellishments, corded tassel or ball for the hood, fringe..... etc. Each one can be different!



2-STRAND WOOL-EASE SOCKS (Joan's Socks!)

2 balls Wool-Ease worsted wt. yarn
#6 & 8 Dpn's. For larger sock, use #7 & #9

Gauge: 4 sts = 1"

With double strand of yarn, cast on 32 sts (10-12-10) with #6 needles
Work K1, P1 rib for 12 rnds
Change to #8 needles
Work in stockinette st for 6"

HEEL FLAP:

Knit 8 sts and place remaining sts on ndl #2, turn
Sl 1, purl 7 plus 8 sts from ndl #3.

Place remaining sts on instep needle.

On these 16 heel sts, work as follows:

Rt side: *sl 1, k1, rep from * across

Wrong side: sl 1, purl across.

Repeat these two rows until you have 8 chain loops along sides of heel flap.

TURN HEEL:

SL1, P8, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K3, K2TOG, K1, turn

SL1, P4, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K5, K2TOG, K1, turn

SL1, P6, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K7, K2TOG, K1 Do not turn

10 sts left - you will finish at end of rt side row.

With same ndl, pick up and knit 8 sts along side of flap. With new needle, knit instep sts. With new needle, pick up and knit 8 sts along other side PLUS 5 sts from heel flap. Beginning of round is at center of heel.

GUSSETS:

Rnd 1: Knit to within the last 3 sts of ndl #1, k2tog, k1. Knit across instep sts. On 3rd ndl, k1, ssk, knit to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit even.

Repeat these 2 rnds until 32 sts remain.

Work foot to about 2" shy of wanted length.

TOE:

Rnd 1: Knit to within the last 3 sts of ndl #1, k2tog, k1. On needle #2, k1, ssk, knit to within 3 sts

of end of needle, k2tog, k1. On ndl #3, k1, ssk, knit to end.

Rnd 2: Knit even.

Repeat last two rnds until 16 sts remain. Weave 8 top sts to 8 bottom sts.

End off.

This pattern downloaded from Wool Works: the online knitting compendium
<http://www.woolworks.org/>



Life Saver Hat

This pattern was developed in honor of Laurie, a wonderful friend, co-worker and breast cancer survivor.

Materials: fingering weight cotton, one ball each orange, red, yellow, green, purple.

Needles: size 3 double pointed and 16" circulars

Cast on 128 stitches in orange, join stitches into a round, making sure not to twist work.

Knit 2, purl 2 for 3 inches in orange,

Change to Purple, knit 2 purl 2 for 1.5 inches

Change to Green, knit 2 purl 2 for 1.5 inches

Change to yellow,

Row 1: knit 2 purl 2 around

Row 2: begin decreases:

Decrease rounds:

Dec row 1: {K2, P2 together, (K2, P2) 3 times} repeat between { } around (120 stitches)

Dec row 2: {K2, P1, (K2, P2) 3 times} repeat between { } around

Dec row 3: {K2, P1, K2, P2 together, (K2, P2) 2 times} repeat between { } around (112 stitches)

Dec row 4: {(K2, P1) 2 times, (K2, P2) 2 times} repeat between { } around

Dec row 5: {(K2, P1) 2 times, K2, P2 together, K2, P2} repeat between { } around (104 stitches)
Dec row 6: {(K2, P1) 3 times, K2, P2} repeat between { } around
Dec row 7: {(K2, P1) 3 times, K2, P2 together} repeat between { } around (96 stitches)
Dec row 8: K2, P1 around
Dec row 9: {K1, K2 together, (K2, P1) 3 times} repeat between { } around (88 stitches)
Dec row 10: {K4, P1 (K2, P1) 2 times} repeat between { } around
Dec row 11: {K3, K2 together, (K2, P1) 2 times} repeat between { } around (80 stitches)
Dec row 12: {K6, P1, K2, P1} repeat between { } around
Dec row 13: {K5, K2 together, K2, P1} repeat between { } around (72 stitches)
Dec row 14: {K8, p1} repeat between { } around
Dec row 15: {K7, K2 together} repeat between { } around (64 stitches)
Dec row 16 K all stitches around
Dec row 17: K6, K2 together around (56 stitches)
Dec row 18: K all stitches around
Dec row 19: K5, K2 together around (48 stitches)
Dec row 20: K all stitches around
Dec row 21: K4, K2 together around (40 stitches)
Dec row 22: K3, K2 together around (32 stitches)
Dec row 23: K2, K2 together around (24 stitches)
Dec row 24: K1, K2 together around (16 stitches)
Dec row 25: K2 together around (8 stitches)
Dec row 26: K 2 together around (4 stitches)
Break off yarn about 12 inches from end of knitting and draw through remaining stitches, weave in ends.

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What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love®:
1 skein each 1401 Pewter **A**,
1907 Boysenberry **B**, and 1101
Eggshell **C**

**Susan Bates® Double Pointed
Needles:** One set each 4mm
[US 6] and 5mm [US 8]

6 stitch markers, yarn needle,
pompom maker

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" [10
cm]; 24 rows = 4" [10 cm]
in Stockinette stitch using
larger needles. **CHECK YOUR
GAUGE.** Use any size needles
to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



**RED HEART® With
Love®**, Art. E400
available in solid
color 7oz (198 g), 370 yd
(338 m) and multicolor 5oz
(141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins



Color Block Hat

Mix and match your favorite colors to make this hat reflect your unique personality. This simple hat works up quickly, making it a great gift or charity project too.

**Hat circumference at bottom edge:
20" [51 cm]**

NOTE

Hat is worked in the round on double
pointed needles.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

ssk: (1 st decrease) Slip next two
stitches knitwise to right needle, insert
point of left needle through front of sts,
knit these sts together through back
loop.

HAT Brim

With **A** and smaller needles, cast on 84
sts. Divide sts evenly around double
pointed needles. Join to work in rounds,
taking care not to twist sts. Place
marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: *K2, p2; repeat from * around.

Rounds 2-12: Repeat Round 1.

Body

Change to larger needles.

Rounds 1-12: Knit. Cut **A**.

Rounds 13-23: Join **B** and knit.

Round 24 (Set-Up Round): *K14, place
marker; repeat from * four more times,
K14 - 6 markers evenly spaced around,
counting beginning of round marker.

Shape Crown

Round 25: *Ssk, knit to 2 sts before next
marker, k2tog, slip marker; repeat from *
around - 72 sts.

Round 26: Knit.

Rounds 27-34: Repeat Rounds 25-26,
decreasing 12 sts every other round - 24
sts remain on last round worked.

Round 35: Repeat Round 1 - 12 sts.

Round 36: Knit, removing markers but
keeping marker at the beginning of
round.

Round 37: *K2tog; repeat from * around
- 6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.
Thread yarn tail through remaining sts
and pull up tight to close top.
Secure end.

FINISHING

Weave in ends

Pompom

With pompom maker and **C**, make 2"
[5 cm] diameter pompom. Sew
pompom to top of Hat.

Abbreviations

A, B, C = Color A, B, C; **cm** =
centimeters; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts
together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl;
st(s) = stitch(es); **tog** = together; *** or ****
= repeat whatever follows the * or ** as
indicated.



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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball 5142 Cherry Red OR 9010 Charcoal **A** and 1 ball 9440 Light Grey Heather **B**

Susan Bates® Circular Knitting Needle: 4.5mm [US 7] 16" (40.6 cm)

Susan Bates® Double-Pointed Needles: One set each 4mm [US 6] and 4.5mm [US 7]

Stitch marker, pompom maker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 19 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st (knit every round) with larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls



Two-Tone Kids' Hats

Here's a great fitting kids' knit hat with stretchy ribbed edging and smooth yarn for comfort. Add a big pompom if you wish. It's the perfect hat style for holiday gifting!

Directions are for child's size Small; changes for sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses.

Finished circumference: 17¾ (19½, 22¾)" [45 (50, 58) cm]

Note: Work ribbing on smaller double-pointed needles, then change to circular needle. When work is too small for circular needle, change to larger double-pointed needles.

HAT

With smaller needles and **B**, cast on 84 (96, 108) sts, dividing sts evenly onto three needles. Join, being careful that sts are not twisted, and begin working in the round. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: *K2, P2; repeat from * around. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 2" (5 cm). Change to **A**. Continue in K2, P2 ribbing for 4 rounds. Change to circular needle.

Next round: Knit around. Continue to knit rounds until hat measures 5½ (6½, 7½)" [14 (17, 19) cm] from cast-on edge.

Decrease for crown

Round 1: *K10, K2tog; repeat from * around - 77 (88, 99) sts.

Rounds 2-4: Knit around.

Round 5: *K9, K2tog; repeat from * around - 70 (80, 90) sts.

Rounds 6-7: Knit around.

Round 8: *K8, K2tog; repeat from * around - 63 (72, 81) sts.

Round 9: Knit around.

Round 10: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around - 56 (64, 72) sts.

Round 11: Knit around.

Round 12: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around - 49 (56, 63) sts.

Round 13: Knit around.

Round 14: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around - 42 (48, 54) sts.

Round 15: Knit around.

Round 16: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around - 35 (40, 45) sts.

Round 17: Knit around.

Round 18: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around - 28 (32, 36) sts.

Round 19: Knit around.

Round 20: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around - 21 (24, 27) sts.

Round 21: Knit around.

Round 22: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around - 14 (16, 18) sts.

Round 23: Knit around.

Round 24: *K2tog; repeat from * around - 7 (8, 9) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" (30 cm) tail. Pull remaining sts through yarn needle and weave in tail securely on wrong side of hat.

FINISHING

With **B**, make a large pompom and attach securely to top of hat.

Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **K2tog** = knit 2 together; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch (es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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LW5316 Two-Tone Kids' Hats





Simple One Ball Knit Hat

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Simple one ball knit hat, knitted flat on single point needles.

*RS=right side WS=wrong side st=stitch k=knit p=purl
k2tog=knit 2 together p2tog=purl 2 together PM=place marker*

- **YARN:** 3 ounces of handspun yarn at about 10wpi, OR one ball of Encore worsted weight yarn
- Ruler
- **NEEDLES** - US#9 single points
- Gauge—about 4½ sts per inch
- 4 stitch markers
- Large needle for sewing in the ends
- Sized for a ladies medium sized head.

CAST ON 85

RS-Row1- *k1, p1*, repeat *to* to last st, k1

WS-Row2- p1, *k1, p1* to end

Repeat these two rows for 1½ inches

-Beginning on RS, knit ½ inch in stockinette stitch**

-Beginning on RS, knit 1½ inches in seed stitch**

-Beginning on RS, knit ½ inch in stockinette stitch**

INITIAL DECREASE

RS-Row1- k10, k2tog, *(k19, k2tog)*3x, k10 (81 total sts)

WS-Row2- purl

SPIRAL DECREASES

RS-Row1- k15, k2tog, PM, *(k14, k2tog, PM)*3x, k14, k2tog

WS-Row2- purl

RS-Row3- *(knit to the last 2 sts before each marker, k2tog, slip marker)*, repeat *to* around to last 2 sts, k2tog

WS-Row4- purl

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until there are 12 stitches between the second and third stitch marker after decreasing on a RS row.

WS-purl

DECREASE EACH ROW

RS-Row1- repeat row 3 above in the Spiral Decrease section

WS-Row2- p2tog, *(purl to each marker, slip marker, p2tog)* repeat *to* around, purling the last block of stitches after the last p2tog

Repeat the above rows 1 & 2 until there are 8 sts between the second and third stitch markers after completing a RS decrease row

WS—purl around

FINAL DECREASES

RS-Row1- k2tog around knitting any single stitch left

WS-Row2- purl

RS-Row3- repeat row1

Cut working yarn at least 18 inches long. Pull through loops and seam edges neatly. Sew in ends.

**stockinette stitch—knit on the RS, purl on the WS

seed stitch—RS- *k1, p1*, repeat across, ending k1

WS- purl the knit stitches and knit the purl stitches

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SPIRAL KNIT TUBE SOCKS

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YARN: 2 skeins
Wool Ease or
comparable
worsted weight
or handspun
yarn

Ruler

Needles: US#4
dpns

Large needle
for sewing in
the ends

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GAUGE: 6sts to an inch measured in UNstretched spiral rib pattern

Cast on 48 sts, distribute evenly on 3 needles and join.

Pattern (knit top to toe)

Row1: *k3, p3, repeat from * for 4 inches

Row2: p1, *k3, p3 repeat from *, ending k3, p2 - for 4 rounds

Row3: p2, *k3, p3 repeat from *, ending k3, p1 - for 4 rounds

Row4: p3, *k3, p3 repeat from *, ending k3 - for 4 rounds

Row5: k1, p3, *k3, p3 repeat from *, ending k2 - for 4 rounds

Row6: k2, p3, *k3, p3 repeat from *, ending k1 - for 4 rounds

Repeat pattern rows 1—6 (knit Row1 for 4 rounds in this repeat to maintain pattern) until the sock measures about 16 inches from the cast on edge. However, you can make it as long as you like!

Spiral toe:

Rnd1: Knit one round even

Rnd2: *k1, k2tog repeat from

Repeat these 2 rows until 8 sts remain. Cut 6 inches of working yarn and run twice through. Weave in yarn.

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Easy Knit Warm Ribbed Cap

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Yarn: 250 yards of worsted weight wool, is more than enough to make this hat in the largest size.

Needles: 16 inch circular needles in US size 7, and a set of double pointed needles in size US7 also. If you prefer knit this hat flat, then a set of flat knitting instructions are included at the end, and you will need a pair of straight US 7 needles, plus a tapestry needle for sewing up the seam.

Gauge: In the rib pattern (K2P2), about six stitches to the inch

Pattern: the stitch is a 2x2 rib: K2P2 (K=knit, P=purl).

Sizes: Instructions are given for Small (Medium, Large) which are the following measurements: 19"-20" (21"-22", 23"-24").

Instructions:

Cast on loosely, 100 (108, 116) stitches

Work in pattern (K2P2) until the length measures 8 ½" (9", 9 ½")

Now you will begin your decrease rows for shaping the top. Move to double pointed needles when you feel there is too much tension on the circulars.

First decrease round: * K2, P2tog *, repeat * to * across
Knit in K2P1 for one inch, measuring from the first decrease round.

Second decrease round: * K2tog, P1 *, repeat * to * across
Knit in K1P1 for ½ inch, measuring from the second decrease round

Third decrease round: SSK all the way around.

Knit one row

Fourth decrease round: K2tog all the way around. Cut yarn, pull through loops and fasten off.

If you want, you can add a tassel or a pompom. If there is left over yarn, try making a matching headband!

FLAT KNITTING INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on loosely, 101 (109, 117) stitches

Work in pattern as follows. Row 1 is the RS row.

Row1 (RS): K2P2 across, ending in K1

Row2 (WS): P1, K2P2 across

Repeat these two rows until the piece measures 8 ½" (9", 9 ½"). Be sure and end with a WS row.

Begin decrease rows:

First decrease row (RS): * K2, P2tog *, repeat * to *, ending with a K1.

Row1 (WS): P1, * K1, P2 *, repeat * to * across

Row2 (RS): K2P1 across ending with K1

Repeat these two rows until it measure 1 inch from the first decrease row. End with a WS row.

Second decrease row (RS): * K2tog, P1 *, repeat * to *, ending with a K1

Row1 (WS): P1K1 across, ending with a P1

Row2 (RS): K1P1 across, ending with a K1

Row3 (WS): repeat row1

Third decrease row (RS): SSK all the way around ending with K1

(WS): Purl across

Fourth decrease row (RS): K2tog, cut yarn with enough length to sew the seam, draw through loops and fasten. Use the rest of the tail length to mattress stitch the seam (do NOT seam tightly!)

Washing instructions:

This yarn is 100% natural hand-spun and hand-dyed wool. Handwash only, using a mild soap. Use warm water and soap. Let it sit for at least 30 minutes.

No agitation is necessary. Gently squeeze out, and rinse in water (soak, then squeeze), until the soap is gone. Place in a towel and squeeze. Shape and lay flat until completely dry. ALWAYS use the same temperature of water, and no agitation, to avoid felting.

Following these guidelines, it will last a very long time!

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