

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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