

Basic Hat



Using the size 6 needles, loosely cast on 96 stitches.

Knit in K2, P2 ribbing for desired length (an inch or two for a beanie).

Switching to size 8 circulars, begin knitting in stockinette stitch (knit every round). Continue until the hat is 5 inches from the cast-on edge.

Begin Decreases (these decreases will create an 8-point spiral):

Note: Switch to the double pointed needles when you don't have enough stitches for the circular needles.

K 10, K2tog Repeat around. (88 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 9, K2tog Repeat around. (80 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 8, K2tog Repeat around. (72 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

Materials:

worsted weight (4) yarn
size 6 circular needles
size 8 circular needles
size 8 double pointed needles

Gauge: Approximately
4.5 stitches to the inch,
and 6 rows to the inch
in stockinette stitch on
size 8 needles

Size: The hat will be
about 21 ¼ inches
around, which will fit
heads up to 22.5-23
inches. The length of
the hat will be about 8
inches, with no cuff.

Ideas for changes:

Knit the ribbing for 6 inches, and then knit to a length of 8 inches before the decreases. This will provide a 3 inch cuff on the hat.

Use K1, P1 ribbing, or K3, P3.

Leave off the ribbing and do a roll brim (stockinette for every row), garter band (knit 1 row, purl 1 row when working in the round), or any pattern you want.

Add a Fair Isle band above the ribbing and before the decreases. Choose any pattern that fits into 96 stitches or close to it.

Add colored stripes or textured stripes.

Embroider flowers or other designs on to the hat.

K 7, K2tog Repeat around. (64 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 6, K2tog Repeat around. (56 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 5, K2tog Repeat around. (48 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 4, K2tog Repeat around. (40 stitches remaining)
Knit 1 round.

K 3, K2tog Repeat around. (32 stitches remaining)

K 2, K2tog Repeat around. (24 stitches remaining)

K 1, K2tog Repeat around. (16 stitches remaining)

K2tog Repeat around. (8 stitches remaining)

Cut yarn, leaving at least 12 inches. Thread onto a needle, and weave the yarn through the remaining stitches. Weave through the stitches twice, if you choose. Tighten the top of the hat and weave in the ends.