

stitches for the circular needles.

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Using the circular needles, cast on 105 stitches.

Work back and forth (do not join!) in seed stitch for an inch and a half.

Cast off 9 stitches at the beginning of a row. Knit across the row, then join the round and continue in stockinette stitch (knit every round) until the hat is 5 inches from the beginning edge.

Begin Decreases (will create an 8-point spiral):
Note: Switch to the double pointed needles when you don't have enough

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.

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. Tighten the top of the hat and weave in the ends. Sew button in place.

Materials:

worsted weight (4) yarn size 8 circular needles size 8 double pointed needles button of your choice

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

Size: 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.