

Nine Lives Hat
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Finished Hat Size:

16.5 (18.5, 20.5)'' circumference x 8.75'' (9.5, 10.25)'' high.

Yarn:

Worsted weight yarn.

Yardage:

130 – 150 yards / 119 – 138 meters (small), 160 – 180 yards / 146 – 165 meters (medium), 190 – 210 yards / 174 – 192 meters (large)

Recommended Needles Size:

US 7 (4.5mm) DPNs or circular needles, or size to obtain gauge

US 5 (3.75mm) DPNs or circular needles, or one size smaller than needle used to obtain gauge

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers.

Gauge: 20 sts & 26 rows = 4'' in stockinette stitch.

Abbreviations:

K2tog = Knit the yarn through 2 sts together, this decreases 2 sts to 1 stitch.

SSK = Slip stitch knitwise, slip stitch knitwise, knit the 2 sts together.
K3tog = Knit the yarn through 3 sts together, this decreases 3 sts to 1 stitch.
St = Stitch
Sts = Stitches
R = Round
K = Knit
P = Purl
DPN = Double Pointed Needles
CO = Cast On
PM = Place marker

Note:

This hat is knit in the rounds. The brim is worked in 1 x 1 ribbing. The main body is worked in stockinette stitch. The stitches for the ears are picked up directly on the hat and knit in the rounds.

1 x 1 Rib (in the round over multiples of 2 sts)

All Rounds: *K1, P1; repeat from * to the end of round.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Small (Medium, Large) size:

Brim:

Using smaller needle CO 80 (90, 100) sts. PM, being careful not to twist sts, join to begin working in the round.

Rounds 1 - 20: Work in K1, P1 Rib

Main Body

Switch to larger needle.

Work in stockinette stitch (all rounds knit) for 20 (25, 30) rounds.

Crown (Decrease rounds):

Small (medium, large) size:

R 1: (SSK, K6 (7, 8) 10x (70 sts; 80 sts; 90 sts total)

R 2: Knit around

R 3: (SSK, K5 (6, 7) 10x (60 sts; 70 sts; 80 sts total)

R 4: Knit around

R 5: (SSK, K4 (5, 6) 10x (50 sts; 60 sts; 70 sts total)

R 6: Knit around

R 7: (SSK, K3 (4, 5) 10x (40 sts; 50 sts; 60 sts total)

R 8: Knit around

R 9: (SSK, K2 (3, 4) 10x (30 sts; 40 sts; 50 sts total)

R 10: Knit around

R 11: (SSK, K1 (2, 3) 10x (20 sts; 30 sts; 40 sts total)

R 12: Knit around

R 13: (SSK, K0 (1, 2) 10x (10 sts; 20 sts; 30 sts total)

R 14: Knit around

Small size:

R 15: SSK around (5 sts total)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Medium (Large) size:

R 15: (SSK, K0 (1) 10x (10 sts; 20 sts total)

R 16: Knit around

R 17: SSK around (5 sts; 10 sts total)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Ears (make 2):

With the yarn and two DPN pick up directly on the top part of the hat or cast on 18 sts (9 sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

R 1: Knit around

R 2: (SSK, K5, K2tog) 2x (14 sts total)

R 3: (SSK, K3, K2tog) 2x (10 sts total)

R 4: (SSK, K1, K2tog) 2x (6 sts total)

R 5: (K3tog) 2x (2 sts total)

Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. If the ears were knit separately sew them on top of the hat.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends, wash and block to measurements.



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