

## Ear-Flap



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This hat is knit from the top down, in one piece, ending with the i-cords. Pattern is written for a solid color hat, but it is perfect to play with; add stripes or other patterns and to use up left over yarn!

**Gauge:** 18 sts and 28 rows per 4 inches in stocking stitch.

**Needles:** a set of double pointed and 16" circular in size 4.5 mm (7 us). Or what ever size you need to get the right gauge.

**Yarn:** approx 220 yards (200 meters) of worsted weight yarn.

**Size:** average child (average adult)

**Note on increasing:** In each round where increasing is done, you do so at the beginning and end of each needle, that is; before the first stitch and after the last stitch of each needle ( 8 sts are added in every increasing round).

Cast on 8 sts on a double pointed needle and join in a circle, on 4 dpns, 2 sts on each needle. Be careful not to twist the work.

1. round: knit all sts.

2. round: \*Knit the st below the first st, then knit till the end of that needle, knit the st below the last st. \*. Repeat from \* to \* till the end of round.

3. and 4. rounds: increase as in 2. row.

5. round: Knit with out increasing.

6. round: Increase as in 2. row.

Repeat 5. and 6. rounds until 20 (22) sts are on each needle, 80 (88) sts in all.

Change to the circular needle, make sure to place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit without any increasing for 25 (32) rounds, approx 6 (7) inches from cast on.

Next round: Cast off the first 3(4) sts (half

of back opening), knit next 28(30) sts (ear-flap), cast off next 18(20) sts (front opening), knit next 28(30) sts (other ear-flap), cast off the last 3(4) sts (other half of back opening).

Break yarn.

**Ear-flaps:** both are worked the same.

Begin the 1. row with the knit side facing you.

1. row: Join yarn, knit 1 st, slip next 2 sts as if to knit then knit them together (ssk). Knit til 3 sts remain on left needle, knit next 2 sts together (k2tog), knit last st.

2. row: Purl with out any decreasing.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 2 sts remaining, ending with a purl row.

**i cord:** Knit the 2 sts, do not turn work, push those 2 sts back to the top of the left needle, pull yarn behind work and knit those 2 sts again. Repeat until you have the length desired for the i cord.

Weave in ends and your all done.

