

Quick Stripe

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Use up those oddments for this quick warm hat. Knit with Chunky/Bulky yarn or 2 strands of Double Knitting yarn held together using as many colours as you like.



Size

The hat sizing is designed with 2" of negative ease for a good fit.

Use the actual head measurements when choosing a size if you can.

Size	Baby	Toddler	Child	Adult	Adult Large
Head circumference	15.5" 40cm	17.5" 45cm	19.5" 49cm	22" 56cm	24" 61cm
Finished circumference	14" 35.5cm	16" 40.5cm	18" 46cm	20.5" 52cm	22.5" 57cm
Length	6.25" 16cm	7.25" 18cm	8.5" 22cm	10" 25.5cm	11" 28cm
Weight (approx)	55g	65g	75g	85g	90g
Chunky or DK	83m / 91yds 163m / 178yds	98m / 107yds 195m / 213yds	113m / 124yds 225m / 246yds	128m / 140yds 255m / 278yds	135m / 148yds 270m / 295yds

Materials

Chunky / Bulky weight yarn

or 2 strands of DK yarn held together

If using Chunky/Bulky weight yarn check the suggested gauge on the ball band as chunky tends to vary between brands.

6.5mm US10.5 dpns or circular needle for magic loop method if preferred or size needed to obtain gauge

5.5mm US9 dpns or circular needle for magic loop method if preferred

8 stitch markers

Gauge

14 stitches and 20 rows/4" (10cm) in stocking stitch on larger needles

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Instructions

Numbers for the smallest size are given first with larger sizes in round brackets ().
You can use any number of coloured oddments, for this hat or just 1 colour.
Choose the colour you have the most of for a solid brim, then stripe the body.

Brim

Use a cast on that will stretch, I recommend the long tail cast on.

Using smaller needles cast on 48 (56, 64, **72, 80**) sts.

Place stitch marker and join to work in the round.

Round 1: [k2, p2] repeat to end.

Repeat this round until work measures 1 (1, 1, **1.5, 1.5**) inches.

Body

For the body change colours randomly every 1, 2, 3 or 4 rounds as desired to stripe oddments.

If using 4 or fewer colours you can carry yarns up to reduce the number of ends to sew in.

Switch to larger needles.

Round 1: knit to end.

Repeat round 1 until work measures 4.5 (5, 6, **7, 7.5**) inches from cast on.

Crown Shaping

Round 1: [k6 (7, 8, **9, 10**), pm] 8 times.

Round 2: [k to 2sts from marker, k2tog, sm] 8 times.

Round 3: knit to end of round.

Repeat rounds 2-3 until 16sts remain.

Final Round: [k2tog] 8 times.

Draw yarn through last 8 sts and sew in end securely.

Weave in ends.

Make a pompon with remaining yarn and attach securely.

Pompon making instructions on page 3.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together

st(s) – stitch(es)

pm – place marker

sm – slip marker



Hats shown in Adult, Child, Toddler and Baby sizes

How to make a pompom with the cardboard template method

There are many ways to make a pompom, the method shown here is just one way.

If you have a pompom maker you can use that.

The pompoms in the Quck Stripe Hat pattern photos were made with an 8cm template .

You will need; yarn, pen, printed template, sharp scissors and stiff cardboard (eg postal box).

- Print the template , adjust the print size is desired.
- Use the template to mark and cut out 2 copies of of the template from some stiff card.
- Cut a 24” (60cm) of yarn and fold in half, this will be the tie to secure the pompom.
- Hold the 2 cardboard templates as one. Using 2 or 3 strands of yarn together (to speed up the process), wrap the yarn evenly around the templates, leaving just the ends next to the gap uncovered.
- Don’t wrap the yarn too tight as this will make cutting the yarn harder later.
- The more wraps the fuller and firmer the pompom.
- Keep wrapping until you either run out of yarn or until the hole in the centre is almost entirely filled.
- Hold the pompom by the centre and insert the tip of the scissors between the 2 pieces of card at the outer edge and begin snipping the yarn all the way around.
- Carefully slide the prepared double length of yarn between the templates and tie the first part of a knot and pull tight.
- Carefully remove the templates.
- Pull the tie tight and form the other half of the knot to secure.
- Give the pompom a good shake.
- Trim any untidy ends as required.
- Use the long tie to secure the pompom to your hat.

