

Ashley's Easy Hat Pattern



This is a standard hat pattern that I use for a lot of gifts. It's versatile enough to suit a variety of tastes and occasions, and the bulky yarn helps it to be a quick project. I have included instructions for 2 versions: one with a slightly rolled brim, and one with ribbing. I have also included instructions for an optional stripe. It's a good starter hat for beginners, and it's easy for more experienced knitters to customize to one's needs. Enjoy!

Supplies:

1 skein bulky weight yarn (I suggest Cascade 128 wool or Bernat Softee Chunky acrylic)
Size 10.5 DPNs
Size 10.5 Circular needles, 16" (optional—you will want to cast onto these if you use them)
Stitch Marker

Gauge: 4 stitches and 6 rows in 1 inch of stockinette stitch

Instructions:

Cast on 72 stitches using long-tail cast on. Join to work in the round and mark beginning of row with a stitch marker.

Brim:

Version 1 (rolled brim): Knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 3 rows.

Version 2 (ribbed brim): Work in k2p2 ribbing for 5 rows.

The rest of the pattern is the same for both versions.

Continue in stockinette stitch until work measures 4 1/2 inches from cast-on edge. If you want to add a stripe to the hat, you should change yarn colors at approximately 3 1/2 inches from cast-on edge and switch back to the main color after about an inch of knitting. Knit one row of the main color and then start decreases as follows:

Row 1: (K10, k2tog) to end of row.

Row 2 and 3: Knit

Row 4: (K9, k2tog) to end of row.

Row 5 and 6: Knit

If you were using Circular needles, now is the time to switch to DPNs.

Row 7: (K8, k2tog) to end of row.

Rows 8 and 9: Knit

Row 10: (K7, k2tog) to end of row.

Row 11: Knit

Row 12: (K6, k2tog) to end of row.

Row 13: Knit

Row 14: (K5, k2tog) to end of row.

Row 15: Knit

Row 16: (K4, k2tog) to end of row

Row 17: (K3, k2tog) to end of row

Row 18: (K2, k2tog) to end of row

Row 19: (K1, k2tog) to end of row

Row 20: (K2tog) to end of row

Finishing: Break yarn, leaving approximately a 14" tail. Thread the end onto a yarn needle and string through the remaining stitches twice around. Pull the string to gather. Tie off and weave in ends.