

Fancy Ribby Hat

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When I first created this hat, my daughter was about eighteen months old. As you know yourselves, little hands are always busy and like to pull hats off, even though the temperature is below freezing outside. Thus, a solution came to mind – the hat needed ties! So I got creative, and this is how the hat came to be designed.

Now five years later, I still think of this hat as one of the most adorable and practical hats for toddlers, teens, and adults. I have reworked the pattern to add some improvements and extra sizes. As a result we have a hat suitable for the whole family!



Sizes

Size	Head Circumference		Total Yarn Required	
	cm	inches	m	yds
Small	46-51	18-20	119	130
Medium	48-54	19-21	142	155
Large	51-56	20-22	160	175
XLarge	58-61	23-24	174	190

Gauge

22 sts and 29 rows in 10 cm/4 inches in stockinette stitch on 4 mm/US #6 needles or needle size to obtain gauge.

Suggested Yarns

- **Dia Merino DK by Colour Adventures**
(100% merino; 211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.53 oz)
- **Girly Fun DK by Colour Adventures**
(75% merino, 20% silk, 5% stellina;
211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.5 oz)
- **Cloud DK by Colour Adventures**
(80% merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon;
211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.5 oz)
- **Dia Twist DK by Colour Adventures**
(100% merino; 229 m/250 yds in 115 g/4 oz)

Notions

4 mm/US #6 circular needles (40 cm/16")

4 mm/US #6 double pointed needles

Stitch marker

Abbreviations

k = knit;

p = purl;

pm = place marker;

slipm = slip marker from left needle to right needle;

MC = main color;

CC = contrast color;

k2tog = knit two stitches together as one, 1 stitch decreased;

p2tog = purl two stitches together, 1 stitch decreased;

skp = slip one stitch as if to knit, knit the following stitch, then pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one;

kfb = knit into the front of the stitch, then knit into the back of the same stitch, then slip the stitch off, 2 sts made out of 1.



PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Earflaps: (Make 2 identical)

Using main color cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 (WS): p3, k3, p3

Row 2 (RS): kfb, k2, p3, k2, kfb

Row 3 (WS): kfb, p3, k3, p3, kfb

Row 4 (RS): kfb, p1, k3, p3, k3, p1, kfb

Row 5 (WS): kfb, k2, p3, k3, p3, k2, kfb

You should have 17 sts.

Row 6 (RS): k1, p3, (k3, p3) x2, k1

Row 7 (WS): kfb, (k3, p3) x2, k3, kfb

Row 8 (RS): k2, p3, (k3, p3) x2, k2

Row 9 (WS): kfb, p1, (k3, p3) x2, k3, p1, kfb

Row 10 (RS): (k3, p3) x3, k3

You should have 21 sts.

Sizes S and M only:

Row 11 (WS): p3, (k3, p3) x3

Row 12 (RS): (k3, p3), x3 k3

Repeat Rows 11 and 12 for 7 (8) more times.

Cut yarn on the first ear flap, but leave the yarn uncut on the second one.

Sizes L and XL only:

Row 11 (WS): kfb, p2, (k3, k3) x2, k3, p2, kfb

Row 12 (RS): p1, (k3, p3) x3, k3, p1

Row 13: (WS): kfb, p3, (k3, p3) x3, kfb

Row 14 (RS): p2, (k3, p3) x3, k3, p2

Row 15: (WS): kfb, k1, p3, (k3, p3) x3, k1, kfb

Row 16 (RS): p3, (k3, p3) x4

Row 17 (WS): (k3, p3) x4, k3

You should have 27 sts.

Repeat Rows 16 and 17 for 5 (6) more times.

Cut yarn on the first ear flap, but leave the yarn uncut on the second one.

Main Section:

Make sure that your ear flaps are both facing the same way with RS up for sizes S and M and with WS up for sizes L and XL.

With the MC yarn still attached to the second ear flap, cast on 9 (15, 15, 21) sts, rib across the other ear flap in the existing 3x3 rib (k3 x p3), cast on 33 (33, 33, 39) sts, join in the round, and rib across the second ear flap in the existing 3x3 rib (k3 x p3). Place marker to mark the beginning of the round.

You should have 84 (90, 102, 114) sts.

Keep working in the established 3x3 rib (k3x p3) till the work measures from the cast on stitches between the earflaps:

14 (15, 16.5, 18) cm/5.5 (6, 6.5, 7) inches.

Crown Shaping:

You will be shaping crown by decreasing in the existing rib pattern.

Rnd 1: * p2tog, p1, k3,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 2: *p2, k3,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 3: *p2, skp, k1,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 4: *p2, k2,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 5: *p2tog, k2,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 6: *p1, k2tog,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 7: *k2tog,* repeat * to the end

Rnd 8: *k2tog,* repeat * to the end

Size XL only: repeat Rnd 8

Break off the yarn leaving about 25 cm/10 inch tail behind. Run yarn through the remaining stitches, draw up and fasten off, leaving a tail to attach a pompom.

Edging and Trims:

Note: You will be picking up and knitting sts around the hat edges. Alternatively, you can opt to work a single crochet around the edges.

Using contrast color and with right side facing you, pick up and knit 9 (15, 15, 21) sts from the cast on sts at the back, 15 (16, 17, 18) sts evenly along the side edge of the first earflap, 9 sts along ear flap cast on edge, 15 (16, 17, 18) sts evenly along the other side edge, 33 (33, 33, 39) sts along cast on sts at the front, 15 (16, 17, 18) sts evenly along the side edge of the second earflap, 9 sts along ear flap cast on edge, 15 (16, 17, 18) sts evenly along the other side edge. If you happen to pick up a few stitches more or less, that's okay too.

Purl one round.

Bind off knitwise.

Next, using main color, pick up 3 sts in the middle of each ear flap and knit it as an I-cord for 30.5-33 cm/12-13 inches.

Bind off, leaving a 25 cm/10 inch long tail.

Make 3 pompoms, and attach one to the top of the hat and one to each I-cord tie. Use the tail yarn you left behind to attach pompoms to the hat.

Weave in any loose ends.

Block lightly.

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