

# Big Bulky Bucket Hat

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This super quick knit is a great basic hat for showing off an interesting bulky yarn, and the simplicity makes it perfect for beginners!

This hat is worked from the top down, on double pointed needles. If you prefer, you can switch to a circular needle once it gets big enough to fit.

The brim is crocheted, which gives it stability and keeps it from curling. If you really hate crochet, you can work an inch or so in seed stitch, or another non-curling stitch pattern of your choice.

## You need

- ▶ approx 80-100 yards of bulky (or super bulky) weight yarn (depending on brand's labeling choices) - thick handspun works well
- ▶ set of size US 11 / 8mm double pointed needles (or size to get gauge)
- ▶ optional 16" circular if you don't want to use double points for the whole hat
- ▶ a crochet hook (in a size that will work with your yarn)

## Gauge

5.5 sts per 2 inches / 5 cm, in stockinette (just under 3 sts/inch).

If you want to make a hat like this in a different gauge (with not quite so bulky yarn, perhaps), just continue in the increase pattern in the first part until the hat is wide enough. When you think it's getting close, measure how many stitches are in one inch and do the simple math to figure out how many stitches you'll need to make it fit your head. (Check out my other free top-down hat pattern [Buttonhead on knitty.com](http://Buttonheadonknitty.com), for more specific instructions on how to make a hat in any gauge the same way.) Then work the stockinette stitch body until the hat is long enough (about 3 inches / 7.5 cm shorter than you want your finished hat), work the bottom increase section for about 2 inches / 5 cm, and the crochet trim for 1 inch / 2.5 cm or as wide as you want it.

## Sizing

The pattern will make an adult size hat - make slight adjustment to size by either adjusting the gauge, or by working up to fewer or more stitches in the increase section at the beginning.

## Abbreviations

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**k** = knit

**kfb** = knit into front then into back of stitch (increases 1)

**DPN** = double pointed needle

## Pattern

Cast on 4 sts on DPNs.

Join around, kfb into each of the 4 cast-on sts.

How you might want to work the above part:

- ▶ Cast on 4 sts onto 1 DPN.
- ▶ Kfb into first st with one DPN.
- ▶ Kfb into second st with another DPN.
- ▶ Kfb into third st with a third DPN.
- ▶ Kfb into last st with the the fourth DPN.
- ▶ You now have 2 sts on each of 4 DPNs going around.

Kfb first stitch of each DPN as you knit around, until you have 15 sts on each needle (60 sts total).

Knit around for 9 rows, or for about 2.5 inches / 6.5 cm, or until flattened hat measures approximately 5.5 inches / 14 cm from top.

Kfb first stitch of each DPN for one round.

If you are no longer using the DPNs, [kfb, k14 (or one st fewer than a quarter of the total sts)], repeat 3 more times.

Knit all for 2 rounds.

Repeat those 3 rounds two more times.

Knit one more increase round (which will give you 19 sts per needle, 76 total).

Bind off.

Crochet a trim to prevent curling.

In the example, I single crocheted around twice, into the back loops only.

Block as needed.



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