

## Short Rows

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A small hat, using a short row construction and flower decoration.

**Size:** 54 cm, 21.25" but the hat is stretchy and can fit bigger heads.

**Skills:** The hat is knitted using garter stitch and a short row construction. The cast on is provisional and the cast-off is a 3 needle bind-off.

**Materials:**

**Yarn:** about 250 to 300 m light fingering yarn.

**Needles:** One pair of 3.00 mm needles (US 3) or whichever size that is needed to obtain gauge. 1 extra needle for the 3-needle bind off.

**Other:** a darning needle

**Gauge:** 28 stitches x 44 rows = 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4") in garter stitch.

**Abbreviations:** k=knit, st(s)=stitch(es), k2tog=knit 2 stitches together, p2tog=purl 2 stitches together, RS=right side, WS= wrong side.

### Hat

*Short rows section:* First row (RS), knit until 2 sts remain, take yarn forward, wrap around the next st and turn the work. Knit all WS rows. Next RS row, knit until 4 sts remain, take yarn forward, wrap the next st and turn the work. Knit next row. Continue in set pattern with each time knitting 2 sts less as in the previous short row until 20 sts remain. Wrap the next st and turn the work. Knit next row. Then in the RS row, knit all sts, including all wrapped sts. Knit next row (WS).

Using a provisional cast-on, cast-on 60 sts. Knit 1 row (WS).

Then work the short rows section 12 times. In the final repeat, knit the last RS row, then unravel the provisional cast-on and put the sts on a new needle. Use a 3-needle bind off to close the hat.

### Flowers (make 3).

Cast on 79 sts. Purl 1 row. Next row, k2, \*\*\* k1 take st back to left needle and slip next 8 sts over this st, knit the st again, k2, \*\*\*, repeat section between stars until the end of the row. Purl next row. Then k2tog until 1 st remains, k1. Next row p2tog until the end. Slip all sts from left needle to right needle. Break the yarn and thread the yarn through the sts and pull.

### Finishing

Gently block the hat. Use a small string of yarn and thread it through the sts at the crown of the hat, pull it and close the small gap. Darn and weave in all remaining yarn ends. Fold the rim (approximately 4 cm, 1.5"). Attach the flowers to the rim of the hat.