

Simple Beginner Toddler Hat



Simple toddler hat, 3-4 year size, 2x2 rib band and 1-2 size, 1x1 rib band

This hat is easily customizable to fit your style. The stretchy ribbed band means it will fit for a long time. Use this pattern as a simple guide to know how many stitches to cast on and when to decrease - what you do to make it unique is up to your imagination! This is designed to be a beginner hat to practice working in the round.

Supplies

2 oz Worsted Weight Yarn
US 6 16" Circular Needles
US 6 DPNs
Tapestry Needle
Stitch Marker

Gauge

11 stitches = 2" in stockinette

Sizes

1-2 years - 17" - 19" head circumference
3-4 years - 19" - 21" head circumference

Pattern - Size 1-2 Years

Cast on 88 stitches using long-tail CO. Join in the round, placing a marker to mark the beginning of the round. (Earflaps only: place removable stitch markers on stitch 22 and 66)

Work in 2x2 or 1x1 rib for 1 to 1 1/2", or desired band length

2x2 rib - K2, P2 repeat entire round*

1x1 rib - K1, P1 repeat entire round*

Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 5 1/2 inches from cast-on edge.

stockinette stitch - knit every round

Begin Decreases

Round 1 - K6, K2tog* repeat for entire round

K2tog - knit two stitches together by inserting right needle knit-wise through the next two stitches on the left needle and knitting them as one stitch.

Round 2 - Knit all stitches

Round 3 - K5, K2tog* repeat

Round 4 - Knit all stitches

Round 5 - *(switch to DPNs or magic loop)* K4, K3tog* repeat

Round 6 - Knit all stitches

Round 7 - K3, K2tog* repeat

Round 8 - Knit all stitches

Round 9 - K2, K2tog* repeat

Round 10 - Knit all stitches

Round 11 - K1, K2tog* repeat

Round 12 - K2tog* repeat

Break yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the tail of yarn and draw through remaining stitches. Pull tightly to close up hole at the top of the hat. Weave in all ends. If you want, create a pom-pom and attach to the top.

Pattern - Size 3-4 Years

Cast on 96 stitches using long-tail CO. Join in the round, placing a marker to mark the beginning of the round. (Earflaps only: Place removable stitch markers on stitches 24 and 72)

Work in 2x2 or 1x1 rib for 1 1/2", or desired band length

2x2 rib - K2, P2 repeat entire round*

1x1 rib - K1, P1 repeat entire round*

Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 6 inches from cast-on edge.

stockinette stitch - knit every round

Begin Decreases

Round 1 - K4, K2tog* repeat for entire round

K2tog - knit two stitches together by inserting right needle knit-wise through the next two stitches on the left needle and knitting them as one stitch.

Round 2 - Knit all stitches

Round 3 - K3, K2tog* repeat

Round 4 - Knit all stitches

Round 5 - K2, K3tog* repeat

Round 6 - Knit all stitches

Round 7 - *(switch to DPNs or magic loop)* K1, K2tog* repeat

Round 8 - Knit all stitches

Round 9 - K2tog* repeat

Break yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the tail of yarn and slip each remaining stitch onto the needle and tail of yarn. Pull tightly like a drawstring to close up hole at the top of the hat. Weave in all ends. If you want, create a pom-pom and attach to the top.

Optional Earflaps - Stockinette stitch - Small

Pick up six stitches on either side of each removable stitch marker using DPNs (12 stitches)

Rows 1 (WS) - Purl

Row 2 (RS) - Knit

Row 3 - Purl

Row 4 - SSK, K8, K2tog (10 stitches)

SSK: slip, slip, knit - slip the next stitch knitwise onto the right needle. Repeat with the next stitch. Slip both stitches purlwise back to the left needle, knit them together.

Row 5 - Purl

Row 6 - SSK, K6, K2tog (8 stitches)

Row 7 - Purl

Row 8 - SSK, K4, K2tog (6 stitches)

Row 9 - Purl

Row 10 - SSK, K2, K2tog (4 stitches)

Row 11 - Purl

Row 12 - SSK, K2tog (2 stitches)

Do not turn work. You will now begin the icord. Slide the stitches down to the other end of the needle. Knit both stitches. Do not turn work. Slide stitches down, knit again. Repeat until icord reaches desired length.

If you would rather have a garter stitch earflap (I think this adds visual interest when using a solid color trim), knit odd-numbered rows instead of purling.

Optional Earflap - Stockinette Stitch - Large

Pick up 8 stitches on either side of each removable stitch marker (16 stitches)

Row 1 (WS) - Purl

Row 2 (RS) - Knit

Row 3 - Purl

Row 4 - SSK, K12, K2tog (14 stitches)

Row 5 - Purl

Row 6 - SSK, K10, K2tog (12 stitches)

Row 7 - Purl

Row 8 - SSK, K8, K2tog (10 stitches)

Row 9 - Purl

Row 10 - SSK, K6, K2tog (8 stitches)

Row 11 - Purl

Row 12 - SSK, K4, K2tog (6 stitches)

Row 13 - Purl

Row 14 - SSK, K2, K2tog (4 stitches)

Do not turn work. You will now begin the icord. Slide the stitches down to the other end of the needle. Knit both stitches. Do not turn work. Slide stitches down, knit again. Repeat until icord reaches desired length.

Enjoy your hat!

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