

The 3-Hour Hat

Need a quick project? This hat will take you under three hours from start to finish - great as a last-minute gift or in case of an upcoming blizzard. Add optional ear flaps for additional warmth.

Materials

- 1 Skein Cascade 128 Superwash (or any bulky yarn)
- 16" Size 10.75 (7.0 mm) Circular Needles
- Size 10.75 (7.0 mm) DPNs
- Tapestry Needle

Gauge

4 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Pattern

Cast on 72 stitches. Join work in the round.

Work in garter stitch or 2x2 rib for 8 rows.

Switch to stockinette stitch and continue until piece measures 6.5" from CO edge.

Decrease:

Row 1: K6, K2tog* repeat entire row

Row 2: K5, K2tog* repeat

Row 3: K4, K2tog* repeat

Row 4: K all stitches

Row 5: K3, K2tog* repeat

Row 6: K2, K2tog* repeat

Row 7: K all stitches

Row 8: K2tog* repeat

Row 9: K2tog* repeat

Break yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread a tapestry needle and draw through all remaining stitches, pull tightly to close the hole. Weave in all ends.

Optional Earflaps*

Mark placement with removeable stitch marker. Pick up 14 stitches on either side of each marker using DPNs.

Row 1-4: K all stitches

Row 5: SSK, K10, K2tog (12 stitches)

Row 6: K all stitches

Row 7: SSK, K8, K2tog (10 stitches)

Row 8: K all stitches

Row 9: SSK, K6, K2tog (8 stitches)

Row 10: K all stitches

Row 11: SSK, K4, K2tog (6 stitches)

Row 12: K all stitches

Row 13: SSK, K2, K2tog (4 stitches)

Row 14: K all stitches

Row 15: SSK, K2tog (2 stitches)

Row 16: K all stitches

Do not turn work. Slide stitches to end of needle and begin working i-cord. Continue until i-cord reaches desired length.

**Earflap instructions courtesy of Amanda @ A Beautiful Skye. Check out her beautiful work!*

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