

Pat Pat's Hat

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Experience level: Advanced beginner



A top-down, classic, “stocking cap” for little boys (and girls). This hat was designed in honor of the Pat Pat’s Hats charity which collects knit hats for children of all ages to be donated to Yale New Haven’s Children’s Hospital in Connecticut so that the children receiving treatment there can take a hat home if they need one. For more information about the touching story behind the charity drive and how to help, please find them on Facebook as “**PatPat's Hats**” or join us on the ravelry group of the same name.

General Information

Sizes:

This hat is designed to be a snug fitting “stocking cap” style hat. I recommend approximately 1-2” negative ease for a snug but comfy fit. If you’re not sure, go up one size and they can always grow into it a little! Model in the red hat is 2 yrs. old, has a 20” head and is wearing the SM size. The young man in the black version pictured later in the pattern is 14 yrs. old, has a 22.5” head and is wearing the X-LG size. For the record, the first little model would more likely wear the M size, but she looked too cute in the red one to pass it up!

Finished garment dimensions, after blocking, approximate measurements:

Size	X-SM	SM	M	L	X-LG
Circumference at brim	14”	15”	17”	18”	20”
Approx. ages it will fit	Newborn	1-2 yrs.	3-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	11 yrs. – adult

Instructions are given for the smallest size first, with additional sizes in order, in parentheses. If only one number or instruction is given, it is for all sizes.

Materials: For Red & Black version shown on front page.

Main Color (MC): about 50 grams (1/2 ball) Knit Picks Simply Cotton Worsted,
or about 60 (70, 80, 90, 110) yards of any worsted weight yarn.

Contrast Color (CC): about 15 yards of Knit Picks Swish Worsted, in Black,
or about 12-15 yards of any worsted weight yarn.

Yarn buying tip: If you are going out to buy yarn specifically for this project, get one 50g ball each of two colors you like together in a typical worsted weight yarn, like the Knit Picks Swish Worsted, and you’ll be able to easily make two hats with two opposite color schemes.

Needles and Notions

Size U.S. 6 (3.75 mm) circular needle, 32 & 16 inch lengths

Size U.S. 5 (4.0 mm) circular needle, 16 inch length

Note: If you are more comfortable with double pointed circular knitting, you may choose to use a set of U.S. 6 and U.S. 5 dpns.

At least 8 stitch markers and a large eye darning needle.

Gauge:

20 stitches and 28 rows equals 4”x4 ”,
using MC in stockinette stitch on the larger needle.

As always, gauge is key to proper fit!

Techniques and Tutorials

This hat is knit from the top down, and I have written it using a “magic loop” technique to start the hat. It is easily done on double points, just be careful to keep track of your markers in either case.

I recommend an “Elizabeth Zimmerman Sewn Bind-off” to give a nice flexible edge to the hat. There are a number of great tutorials online, but here’s a link to the video I learned from:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qtiYjwMAiU&feature=socblog_ti

Any nice stretchy bind-off will work as well I’m sure.

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

BO – Bind off

CC – Contrasting color

CO – Cast on stitches

dpn(s) – Double pointed needle(s)

K – Knit

Kfb – Knit next stitch, without slipping
stitch off left hand needle, then knit
into the back of the same stitch,
slide stitch off of left hand needle.
Increases 1 stitch.

K2tog/dec. – Knit the next two stitches
together as one.

m – Marker

MC – Main color

P – Purl

pm – Place marker

Rnd(s) – Round(s)

sm – Slip marker

st/sts – stitch/stitches

st st – stockinette/stocking stitch

inc – for this pattern I’ve used a lifted
increase: Insert the left tip from
front to back into the strand
running between the stitch on your
left hand and right hand needle,
and then knit into the back of that
lifted strand.



I recommend www.knittinghelp.com for great video tutorials if you are unsure of any of the techniques used in this pattern. For e-mail pattern support please contact me at handmade@guistinello.com, I’m happy to help!

Knitting Directions:

With MC and US 6 needle(s) CO 8 sts. Join in the round taking care not to twist stitches, place a rnd. marker, and using “magic loop” technique to work in the round, begin as follows.

Rnd 1: kfb into every stitch, 16 sts.

Rnd 2: *K2, pm; repeat from * to end of rnd.

Begin shaping companion rounds:

Rnd 1: *kfb, K to next marker, sm; repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: K rnd.

Repeat these two rnds 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) times more. 56 (64, 72, 80, 88) sts. total

K 3 rounds

You can change to the 16” length circular needle at this point, or whenever it seems comfortable.

Next rnd: *kfb, K to next marker, sm; repeat from * to end of rnd. 64 (72, 80, 88, 96) sts. total

Continue in st. st. until hat measures 2 (2.25, 2.5, 2.75, 3) inches from last increase round.

drop MC (without breaking yarn), and change to CC,

K 2 rnds

drop CC, and change back to MC,

P 1 rnd

You will knit the next round adjusting the stitch count to a multiple of 5 for the rib. Increasing with a lifted increase, or decreasing with a k2tog, distributing them evenly around this round, work adjustment as given for your size:

inc. 1 (dec. 2, 0 dec/inc, dec. 3, dec. 1) which will give you 65 (70, 80, 85, 95) sts. total

Now drop the MC again, change to CC and the US 5 needles,

K 1 rnd.

Ribbing: *K3, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

Work 4 rounds rib in CC. (You will carry the MC up the back of your work here.)

Drop CC and break yarn, change to MC, and

K 1 rnd.

Work 2 rounds in rib,

To cast off, leave a tail of the MC about four times the circumference of the hat, and use the Elizabeth Zimmerman Sewn Bind Off to BO all sts. (See techniques section for a link!)

Finishing:

Use cast on tail to close hole in the top of the hat neatly. Darn in all ends. Block if desired. The hat is designed to be close fitting, so you can just let your little one wear it, and it will basically block itself to their head.



Model is 14 yrs old, has a 22.5" head, and is wearing the X-LG size.

For more pictures of this and other fun designs, check out my blog:

<http://viverenelcolore.wordpress.com/>,

or you can find me on www.ravelry.com, user name "colourknits".