

Bushel Basket Bonnet

(This makes nice, soft sleepy hats)

Using bulky yarn (or strands of yarn held together), cast on 64 sts on a 16 inch circular needle (size 10 ½) and place a marker to show beginning of the round.

Row 1: knit 3 sts, purl 1 – around

Row 2: knit 3 sts, purl 1 – around

Row 3: knit 3 sts, purl 1 – around

Row 4: knit 3 sts, purl 1 – around

Row 5: knit 3 sts, purl 1 – around

Row 6: knit 1 st, purl 1 st, * knit 3 sts, purl 1 st. Repeat from * around to the last 2 sts and knit them. Repeat row 6 four more times.

Purl all sts for the next two rows.

Now, repeat row 1 above – for 18 rows.

Purl the next 2 rows.

Begin the decreasing for the top of the hat:

1st dec row: knit 1, k2tog, purl 1

2nd dec row: k2tog, purl 1 (NOTE: you will need to use sm straight dbl pts for this row)

Next rows: knit 1 st, purl 1 st for 7 rows

K2tog for the next 2 rows. Cut yarn, thread tapestry needle, draw all of the sts together and sew tightly.

P.S. I find that loosely knit knitting worsted (like Red Heart®) works just fine for this pattern.