

Ribbed pull-on for knitting worsted

For a child, #5 and #8 needles (or gauge 5 sts = 1")

For an adult, #7 and #10 needles (or gauge 4 sts = 1")

With #5 needles, cast on 88 sts. K1, P1 in rib for 5 inches. Change to #8 needles and work stockinette st for 3 1/2" (4" for adult) more, ending with a p row. Shape top as follows:

Row 1: *K 6, k 2 tog, repeat from * across row.

Row 2: P across

Row 3: *K 5, k 2 tog, repeat from * across row.

Row 4: P across

Continue in this manner to dec every k row, always having 1 st less between decs, till 11 sts rem. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Pull this yarn through rem sts, gather up, and sew seam with same yarn, weaving ribbed section.

Doing this hat on 16" circular needles and ending with double point eliminates the seam.

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Stocking Cap

Red Heart or other Knitting Worsted, 4-ply, 1 ounce of one color, 2 ounces of another.

Knitting Needles: #10

Gauge: 4sts=1 inch, 11 row=2 inches

Measure off about 2 yards of color #2 and cast on 60 sts.

Row 1: *K 2, p 2 Repeat from * across.

Next 8 rows: Repeat first row. At end of last row, drop color #2. Attach color #1.

NOTE: Carry yarn not in use loosely along side edge.

Now work in stockinette st (k 1 row, p 1 row) throughout

Work color #1 6 rows. At end of last row, drop color #1, pick up color #2.

Work color #2 10 rows.

1st dec row: with color #1, k4, * k 2 tog, k 8.

Repeat from * across, ending with k 4 instead of k 8 (6 sts decreased). With color #1, work 5 rows even, then with color #2, work 10 rows even.

2nd dec row: With color #1 k 3, * k 2 tog, k 7. Repeat from * across, ending with k 4 instead of k 7 (6 sts decreased). With color #1, work 5 rows even, then with color #2, work 10 rows even.

3rd dec row: With color #1, k 2, * k 2 tog, k 6. Repeat from * across, ending with k 4 instead of k 6. With color #1, work 5 rows even, then with color #2, work 10 rows even.

4th dec row: With color #1, k 1, * k 2 tog, k 5. Repeat from * across, ending with k 4 instead of k 5. With color #1, work 5 rows even, then with color #2, work 10 rows even.

5th dec row: With color #1, * k 2 tog, k 4. Repeat from * across—30 sts remain. With color #1, work 4 rows even.

Last row: with color #1, k 3 tog across. Leaving a 36-inch length of yarn, break off. Thread this length into a needle and draw through remaining sts. Draw sts together and fasten securely; with same length, sew back seam. Press through a damp cloth.

Optional: make a tassel or pompom, to be attached by the recipient if she wishes!

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Simply Spiral Hats

Needed: Bulky yarn, size 10 1/2 circular needle, set of 5 double point 10 1/2" needles.

Using bulky yarn and size 10 1/2 circular needle, cast on 61 sts. Joining the circle, K2 (the first and last cast ons) together. P1, K1 all around for 1 1/2". Then, knit the first two sts together, K2, P1, K3, P1. Continue K3, P1 all around for 5". K13, K2 together, Place marker to make life easier. Do 2x more. 14 sts remain in last section...knit all of them. Next row, K12, K2 together all around. K11, K2 together around. Continue each around by decreasing one knit per. Switch to double points as needed, using 5th dp to continue knits and decreases.

Finish either:

1. When 8 sts remain, cut yarn, loop through the 8 sts and tighten top.
2. Decrease to 4 sts, make i-cord tail long enough to put a little knot and end.

Note: the spiral is done on an uneven number of sts [(#sts divided by 4) -1] —not stacked! © cocoman@aol.com 2005

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