



In a Flap Cap

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Size - The only difference between these hats is the yarn and the needle size. The same number of stitches is used for all hats. They are very stretchy and will fit a multitude of sizes. If you have larger yarn and needles you can take this up to adult size using the same number of stitches.

This makes a nice warm hat that is quick, easy to knit, wicked portable, kind of fun. They are knit flat for the flap and then in the round from the bottom up. You can make them as plain or fancy as you like. I've tried to make this a super easy pattern, especially for new knitters. The first time I tried to figure out knitting in the round I was totally lost and had no one to ask so I hope this will

help anyone else in the same boat I was in! ☺ What that really means is that this is pretty wordy, but I think that's okay too. I hope that if you make one you will also consider making an extra one and donating to charity. Thanks!

Top Hat – 19 inches around unstretched - Debbie Bliss Merino Chunky

- Not quite 1 ball of MC and odds and ends for stripes. If you want all one colour, 2 balls

Middle Hat – 16 inches around unstretched - Mission Falls 1824 wool

- 1 ball for entire hat, 5 yards or so of contrast for crochet edge & ties

Bottom Hat – 15 inches around unstretched - Patons Soy Wool Stripes

- Not quite ½ a skein

- Gauge**
- Top hat – 14 stitches/4 inches in stocking stitch on 6.5 mm 16 inch circular and dps
 - Middle hat – 17 stitches/4 inches in stocking stitch on 5 mm 16 inch circular and dps
 - Bottom hat – 16 stitches/4 inches in stocking stitch on 5 mm 16 inch circular and dps

Notes:

- **I used the cable cast on throughout**
- k2tog = knit two stitches together
- dpns = double pointed needles
- repeat any directions that appear within *'s around the entire round.

Instructions:

Cast on 40 stitches,

Row One – knit (wrong side)

Row two – slip first stitch as if to knit, and then knit to end, turn work

Repeat row two until you have 10 garter ridges or have reached your desired depth.

Next right side row, knit to end of row and turn work so that wrong side is facing you. Cast on 20 stitches and turn work again so that right side is facing you. Using right needles pick the first stitch on the left needle and slip it on to the right needle. Now using left needle pick up what is now the second stitch on the right hand needle and slip it up and over the first stitch and let it remain on the left needle. You are essentially having these stitches switch places. This will join your work for knitting in the round and minimize the visual impact of the join.

You will now begin working rounds.

Round one – move yarn to the front, place marker and purl around to marker

Round two – knit

Round three – purl

Round four – knit

Round five – purl

Round six – remove marker, knit 5 stitches, place marker (this is the new beginning of the round) and knit around.

Knit ten rounds even or until hat is desired depth. We will now begin decreasing to the crown, switch to double pointed needles or two circulars when stitches no longer fit comfortably on the 16 inch circular.

Round 1 – *knit 8, k2tog* (54 stitches)

Round 2 – knit

Round 3 – *knit 7, k2tog* (48 stitches)

Round 4 – knit

Round 5 – *knit 6, k2tog* (42 stitches)

Round 6 – knit

Round 7 – *knit 5, k2tog* (36 stitches)

Round 8 – knit

Round 9 – *knit 4, k2tog* (30 stitches)

Round 10 – knit

Round 11 – *knit 3, k 2tog* (24 stitches)

Round 12 – knit

Round 13 – knit 2, k2tog (18 stitches)

Round 14 – knit

Round 15 – *knit 1, k2tog* (12 stitches)

Round 16 – knit

Round 17 – *k2tog* (6 stitches)

Round 18 – knit

Cut yarn, thread through stitches and pull to inside to be woven in. Ta da, you have a wee hat.

OR,

If you want to do an icord stem/topknot sort of thing, do one more decrease round of k2tog to get down to 3 stitches. Work for desired length on these three stitches and cast off. The pink hat has a wee icord stem; the other two are stopped at round 18,

Options:

Let's be honest, this is really just a hat recipe and you can do anything you want to make it more fun/interesting/personal. Some ideas:

- seed stitch instead of garter stitch (or any non rolling stitch)
- stripes
- crochet or icord ties
- crochet around the front edge (single, double, half double, reverse, whatever)
- twisted cord and tassels hanging from the crown
- pompoms on the top or at the ends of the ties
- fair isle
- textured stitches
- whatever your heart desires!