

Simple Knit Hat, Two Ways']]

There are two patterns here, one for a hat that can be knit on two straight needles and one for a hat that can be knit in the round on a circular needle and/or double pointed needles.

Yarn: Look for something soft with a gauge of 24 stitches – 4 inches on size 8 needles.
(I've used Caron "Simply Soft" yarn for these hats.)

Pattern A: Knit on Two Straight Needles

Loosely cast on 98 stitches and work back and forth in K2P2 rib as follows:

Round 1 (right side): K1, [K2,P2] until one stitch remains, K1

Round 2 (wrong side): P1, [K2,P2] until one stitch remains, P1

Repeat these two rounds until work measures 9.5 inches, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Crown:

Row 1: On right side, K1, [K2,P2tog],1. 74 stitches remain.

Row 2: P1, [K1, P2], P1

Row 3: K1, [K2tog, P1], K1. 50 stitches remain.

Row 4: P1, [K1, P1], P1

Row 5: K1, [K2tog], K1, 26 stitches remain.

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: K1, [K2tog], K1. 14 stitches remain.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K1, [K2tog], K1. 8 stitches remain.

Break yarn, leaving a 20-inch length. With a tapestry needle, thread the yarn through the remaining 8 stitches, pull tight, and then sew up the back seam using mattress stitch, being careful to match up the rows. Weave in ends.

Pattern B: Knit first on a circular needle, and then on double pointed needles

(or you can work the entire hat on double-pointed needles, if you prefer)

Loosely cast on 96 stitches. Join work, place marker, and work in K2 P2 rib until work measures 9.5 inches.

Shape Crown:

(Here you begin a series of decrease rounds. When you find the hat is getting too small to work on the circular needle, switch to double pointed needles.)

Round 1: K2, P2tog to end of round. 72 stitches remain.

Round 2: K2, P1

Round 3: K2tog, P1 to end of round. 48 stitches remain.

Round 4: K1, P1

Round 5: K2tog to end of round. 24 stitches remain.

Round 6: Knit

Round 7: K2tog to end of round. 12 stitches remain.

Round 8: Knit

Round 9: K2tog to end of round. 6 stitches remain.

Break yarn, leaving a 6 inch length. With a tapestry needle, thread the yarn through the remaining 6 stitches, pull tight. Weave in ends.