

## Easy Knit Warm Ribbed Cap

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Yarn: 250 yards of worsted weight wool, is more than enough to make this hat in the largest size.

Needles: 16 inch circular needles in US size 7, and a set of double pointed needles in size US7 also. If you prefer knit this hat flat, then a set of flat knitting instructions are included at the end, and you will need a pair of straight US 7 needles, plus a tapestry needle for sewing up the seam.

Gauge: In the rib pattern (K2P2), about six stitches to the inch

Pattern: the stitch is a 2x2 rib: K2P2 (K=knit, P=purl).

Sizes: Instructions are given for Small (Medium, Large) which are the following measurements: 19"-20" (21"-22", 23"-24").

### Instructions:

Cast on loosely, 100 (108, 116) stitches

Work in pattern (K2P2) until the length measures 8 ½" (9", 9 ½")

Now you will begin your decrease rows for shaping the top. Move to double pointed needles when you feel there is too much tension on the circulars.

*First decrease round:* \* K2, P2tog \*, repeat \* to \* across  
Knit in K2P1 for one inch, measuring from the first decrease round.

*Second decrease round:* \* K2tog, P1 \*, repeat \* to \* across  
Knit in K1P1 for ½ inch, measuring from the second decrease round

*Third decrease round:* SSK all the way around.

Knit one row

*Fourth decrease round:* K2tog all the way around. Cut yarn, pull through loops and fasten off.

If you want, you can add a tassel or a pompom. If there is left over yarn, try making a matching headband!

## **FLAT KNITTING INSTRUCTIONS**

Cast on loosely, 101 (109, 117) stitches

Work in pattern as follows. Row 1 is the RS row.

Row1 (RS): K2P2 across, ending in K1

Row2 (WS): P1, K2P2 across

Repeat these two rows until the piece measures 8 ½" (9", 9 ½"). Be sure and end with a WS row.

Begin decrease rows:

*First decrease row (RS):* \* K2, P2tog \*, repeat \* to \*, ending with a K1.

Row1 (WS): P1, \* K1, P2 \*, repeat \* to \* across

Row2 (RS): K2P1 across ending with K1

Repeat these two rows until it measure 1 inch from the first decrease row. End with a WS row.

*Second decrease row (RS):* \* K2tog, P1 \*, repeat \* to \*, ending with a K1

Row1 (WS): P1K1 across, ending with a P1

Row2 (RS): K1P1 across, ending with a K1

Row3 (WS): repeat row1

*Third decrease row (RS):* SSK all the way around ending with K1

(WS): Purl across

*Fourth decrease row (RS):* K2tog, cut yarn with enough length to sew the seam, draw through loops and fasten. Use the rest of the tail length to mattress stitch the seam (do NOT seam tightly!)

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### ***Washing instructions:***

***This yarn is 100% natural hand-spun and hand-dyed wool. Handwash only, using a mild soap. Use warm water and soap. Let it sit for at least 30 minutes.***

***No agitation is necessary. Gently squeeze out, and rinse in water (soak, then squeeze), until the soap is gone. Place in a towel and squeeze. Shape and lay flat until completely dry. ALWAYS use the same temperature of water, and no agitation, to avoid felting. Following these guidelines, it will last a very long time!***

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