

BASIC CHILD'S HAT – Knit in the round

Materials required: approximately 100m worsted weight yarn and 4.5mm – 5.0mm double pointed needles. Gauge is not critical, but if work seems loose and “airy”, use a smaller needle. Pattern written for sizes: toddler (small child, youth).

Cast on 72(80, 88) stitches and join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of each round. Work headband section in 2x2 rib (K2, P2) for 1"(1", 1½"). Change to stockinette stitch (knit every round) and work until total length is 4½"(5", 6").

Decrease for crown:

Row 1: *K6, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 63 (70, 77) stitches remaining.

Row 2 and every even row: purl all stitches across round.

Row 3: *K5, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 54 (60, 66) stitches remaining.

Row 5: *K4, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 45 (50, 55) stitches remaining.

Row 7: *K3, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 36 (40, 44) stitches remaining.

Row 9: *K2, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 27 (30, 33) stitches remaining.

Row 11: *K1, K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 18 (20, 22) stitches remaining.

Row 13: *K2tog* repeat from * to * across round. 9 (10, 11) stitches remaining.

Cut an 8" tail and thread it onto a wool needle. Thread the remaining stitches on knitting needle onto yarn and pull tight. Turn hat inside out and weave tail into back side of hat.