



BASIC HAT PATTERN FOR KIDS

(AGES 8 TO 18 YRS.)

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Pattern is written for 3 sizes, small (medium, large) to fit head size 20" (21", 22") in three different gauges.

Gauge:	4.5 stitches/inch	5 stitches/inch	5.5 stitches/inch
Yardage	90 (110, 130)	100 (120, 140)	105 (135, 150)
Suggested yarns	All Seasons Cotton Cotton Denim Aran Plymouth Sunsetting	Manos Cotton Stria Handknit DK Cotton Classic	Point Soho Summer Cotton Cashmere

Suggested needles:

US # 7-8	US # 6-7	US #5-6
You will need 1 pair 16" circular and 1 set double pointed		
<i>Be sure to check your gauge: use size needed to obtain gauge.</i>		

Band:

Gauge	4.5 stitches/inch	5 stitches/inch	5.5 stitches/inch
Cast on	84 (90, 96)	96 (102, 108)	102 (108, 114)

Pattern: Being careful not to twist the stitches, join in the round.

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: Purl

Starting with round 4, knit all rounds until hat measures 4" (4.5", 5").

Crown shaping:

Divide stitches into 6 equal sections, placing a stitch marker between each section, with a different colored marker at the beginning/end of the round.

Decrease round: *Knit to two stitches before next marker. Knit 2 together. Repeat from the * around.

Next Round: Knit.

Continue alternating between decreasing and knit rounds until you have 42 stitches left on your needles. Change to the double pointed needles when necessary. Decrease every round until 6 stitches remain.

Knit 2 together around. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Pull tail through remaining stitches, tie off and weave into work.

To make it more fun, try these ideas:

Ruffled edge: (you will need a 24" needle of the same size) cast on 4 times the number of stitches given, join being careful not to twist. Round 1: Knit. Round 2 and 3: K2 together. Continue with pattern, starting with round 4, above.

Stripes: try stripes of many colors of varying widths—this is a great way to use up scraps.

Fuzzy: Knit the first 3 rows with a fuzzy novelty yarns.

Top Knot: Knit a 3 stitch I-cord before cutting yarn at top of hat. Tie it in a knot, or leave it straight.

Tassel: Make an I-cord tassel for the top of the hat.