



Simple Ribbed Stocking Cap

This pattern makes a simple ribbed stocking cap with a circumference of 21 inches. As shown it's a short hat, for a variation you can knit the cap an extra 3 inches in length and have a turned up edge.

Materials

Yarn: Red heart acrylic wool, worsted weight.

Needles: 16in size US8 circular needles; Size US8 double-pointed needles

Gauge

16 sts x 24rows = 4 inches in stockinet stitch on size US8 needles

Abbreviations

K-knit the stitch

P-purl the stitch

K2tog – knit two stitches together

Pattern

Ribbed pattern: *K1, P1* repeat from * to * to the end of the round.

Instructions

Cast on 84 stitches onto circular needles.

Join the round and place a marker.

Start knitting rounds using the ribbed pattern. Work even until the piece measures 6.5 inches. (For a longer hat, knit to your desired size.)

Shaping the crown

You can start shaping the crown on the circular needles, but at some point the work will become too small for the circulars and you'll need to switch to the double pointed needles.

Round 1: *K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog*. Repeat from * to * to the end of the round.

Round 2: K1, P1, K1, P1, *K2, P1, K1, P1*. Repeat from * to * until the last stitch in the round, K1.

Round 3: *K1,P1,K1,K2tog*. Repeat from * to * to the end of the round

Round 4: K1, P1, *K3, P1*. Repeat from * to * until the last 2 stitches in the round. K2.

Round 5: *K1, P1,K2tog*. Repeat from * to * to the end of the round.

Round 6: K1, P1, *K2, P* Repeat from * to * until the last stitch in the round. K1.

Round 7: *K1,K2tog*. Repeat from * to * until the end of the round.

Round 8: Knit for the entire round

Round 9: K2tog for the entire round

Round 10: Knit for the entire round

Round 11: K2tog for the entire round

You should have 6 stitches remaining on the needles.

Cut your yarn, leaving a six inch tail. Using a tapestry needle thread the end of the yarn back through the loops of the remaining stitches and draw tight to close the top of the hat. Weave in the yarn ends.