

The Original Cuffed Hat

Materials: Size 10 ½ circular needles, 16 or 20 inch length
Approximately 200 yards of a 'worsted' weight yarn
Six stitch markers

Cast on 120 stitches; place a marker **every** 20 stitches. The markers will remain on the needles until the first decrease row. Join being careful not to twist stitches. Mark the beginning of the round. Knit 1, bring yarn forward, slip the next stitch as if to purl, bring yarn to back. The stitches before the markers will always be slip stitches. The stitches after the markers will always be knit stitches. Repeat for 11 inches. Next round ---* knit 2 tog*. Repeat between asterisks until there are 60 stitches on the needle and you are back at the beginning of the next round. Next round: * knit two together*, repeat between asterisks. Cut a 10" piece of yarn and thread through the remaining 30 stitches. Fasten off.

Another way to make the above: (This method eliminates the 'bring yarn forward, slip 1, bring yarn to back' process.)

Cast on 120 stitches. Join being careful not to twist the stitches. Mark the beginning of the round. Knit 1, bring yarn forward, slip as if to purl, bring yarn to the back. Repeat for 4 rounds. On the last row, remove all markers except the one that marks the beginning of the round.

Row 5: Thread a 20" scrap of yarn into a blunt yarn needle. * Knit 1, slip next stitch onto the scrap yarn*. Repeat between asterisks to complete the round. There will be 60 stitches on the needle and 60 stitches on the scrap yarn. Tie the scrap yarn securely.

Knit every round until there are 22 inches (or longer if desired). To join the two layers together, pull the stitches being held on the scrap yarn up through the center of the hat. For the next round, untie the scrap yarn and transfer approximately 15 stitches to a double point needle. (Use a size close to 10½). Knit into the front of the first stitch on the circular needle, then into the first stitch on the double point needle, knit the 2 stitches together. Repeat the transferring process and the 'knit 2 together' until all held stitches are knitted and you are back at the beginning of the round. On the next round, knit 2 together until there are 30 stitches remaining. Finish as above.

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