



Boy's GONE LOOPY

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I wanted to knit my three boys hats for Christmas gifts, but was having a hard time finding something quick, simple and fun in the sizes that I needed. So I came up with this pattern...it's a very simple knit, the colour change row hints at patchwork and the loopy top is less frou-frou than a pompom, but adds a bit of spunk.



Materials Needed:

- 110 yards of worsted weight yarn (Colour A)
- 110 yards of worsted weight yarn (Colour B)
- Size US 8/5mm 16" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- (optional) Size US 8/5mm dpn's for the top of the hat if you don't like magic looping...there's only a few decrease rounds in this pattern, so personally I just chose to loop it.
- Crochet hook - H or thereabouts. Whatever you like to chain with.

Gauge:

16 sts and 24 rows to 4" st st

The Pattern:

Pattern written for size Premie [Baby, Toddler, Child]

To fit heads 12" [14", 16", 18"]

Using long tail method and colour A, loosely cast on 48 [56, 64, 72] sts.
Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist, PM for start of round.

Knit for 16 [20, 24, 28] rounds, approximately 3" [3.5", 4", 5"]

Cut colour A and change to colour B, PURL one round.

Knit for 8 [10, 12, 14] rounds or until hat is desired length. (The decreases work up very quickly and add very little in height to the hat.)

Begin crown decreases: *K 4 [5, 6, 7], k2tog, repeat from * around.

Next round: *K 3 [4, 5, 6], k2tog, repeat from * around

Continue in this manner until 1 st remains between decreases; k2tog around.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through final sts on needles, draw tight to close.

Gone Loopy Topper:

With H hook and colour A, ch 4, join with a sl st to make circle. Ch 20, slip st in circle. One loop made. Continue making *random sized loops*, anchoring in base circle. When desired loopiness is achieved, cut tail, pull end through, and sew to top of hat.

Weave in all ends, and you're done!



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