



Reid's Woolen Hat



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Reid's Woolen Hat is a quick knit, perfect for gifts. The stranded color work is suitable for confident beginners.

Finished size: 16" circumference (approximately 18mo-24mo)

Needles: Set of 5 US size 5 double pointed needles, or circulars

Gauge: 5 stitches to the inch

Yarn: Any soft wool DK, less than 100 yards main color (MC), less than 50 yards contrast color (CC)

- to make a larger size using this gauge, cast on more stitches (88 for an 18" circumference, 98 for a 20"). Keep the stitch count divisible by 4 for the color work motif.

Abbreviations:

PM= place marker

K= knit

P= purl

K2tog= knit the next two stitches together

i-cord: with dpn's , * with out turning, slide 3 stitches to end of needle, pull yarn around the back, and knit the stitches.* Repeat between asterisks.

Directions:

1. With MC, cast on 80 stitches and divide evenly on 4 needles. PM, join in the round. Knit 6 rows in garter stitch (K one round, P one round).
2. Using stockinette stitch (K each round), K 2 rounds in MC.
3. Join CC, K 2 rounds. * see [this tutorial](#) for jogless joins
4. K 2 rounds with MC.
5. Next Round: K2 MC, *K1 CC, K3 MC* repeat to end of round.
6. Next Round: * K1 MC, K3 CC* repeat to end of round.
7. Next Round: K2 MC, *K1 CC, K3 MC* repeat to end of round.
8. K 2 rounds MC.
9. K 2 rounds CC. Leave a long tail of CC to weave in, break yarn.
10. Continue to knit every round in MC until hat measures 6 1/2 " from cast on.
(Increase this length for larger sizes)

Decrease:

11. K2tog to end of first round.
12. K even to end of round. Repeat these two rounds until 3 stitches remain on needle.
13. Using the i-cord technique, knit 2" of cord, bind off. Keep a long tail, fold the cord over, and securely weave into the inside to create the hanging loop.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends, being careful not to pull the stranded stitches too tightly. Steam block gently with an iron on the inside of the hat to keep the garter brim from folding up.

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