



## a simple knitted hat suitable for beginners

### Start knitting, yay!

Loosely CO 90 sts onto the circular needle.

Join into the round without twisting and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round 1: Purl.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: Purl

Repeat rounds 2 & 3 four more times, you will have 5 garter stitch ridges.

Next round: \*K9, M1\* repeat between \*s to end of round. (100 sts)

Work even in stockinette stitch until hat measures 4" (10cm) from CO edge.

### Decrease for the crown:

Round 1: \*K18, k2tog\* repeat between \*s to end of round.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: \*K17, k2tog\* repeat between \*s to end of round.

Round 4: Knit.

Continue as established: work one less stitch between decreases on the odd rounds and knit the even rounds plain.

**When 70 stitches remain** omit the plain knit round and work the decreases on every round. When too few sts remain to knit comfortably on the needle, switch to DPNs.

**When 10 stitches remain** cut yarn, leaving a 6" (15cm) tail. Thread the tail onto a blunt yarn needle and sew it through the live stitches. Pull tightly to close the top of your hat. Weave in the ends and block your hat.

### yarn

110 yards (100 m) heavy worsted weight wool. Sample shows Lamb's Pride Worsted (85% Wool/15% Mohair, 4 oz. [113 g], 190 yds [173 m]) in color M-04 charcoal heather.

### needles

16" circular needle and a set of double pointed needles in size US 7 (4.5 mm). Change needle size if necessary in order to achieve the correct gauge.

### gauge

20 sts = 4 inches (10 cm) measured over stockinette stitch.

### finished size

20" (51 cm) circumference to fit an adult head.

### notions

darning needle, stitch marker

### abbreviations

**CO** cast on

**K** knit

**P** purl

**st, sts** stitch, stitches

**k2tog** knit two stitches together

**M1** make one: Put a backward loop onto the right hand needle. On the next round, knit the new stitch through the front loop, twisting it.

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