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HATS FOR TROOPS KNIT ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES

The following pattern will make a hat that some people refer to as a skull cap. The ribbing is knit to a length that will lay flat instead of being folded up. This allows the hat to be

worn under a helmet, if desired. Blocked hats should be approximately 8" in length. Not sure about size? Try it on! Your hats should fit snugly and cover most, if not all, of your ear. Hats that fall just above the bottom of your ear lobe will be just fine. Happy Knitting!

1 Skein 100% wool worsted weight yarn in a dark color
16" circular needle, size 8 or 9
1 set double point needles, size 8 or 9

Cast on 80 stitches. Place marker and join (This is your first knit st.)

Knit K2, P2 ribbing for 1" to 1 1/2".

Change to stockinette stitch and knit until piece measures approximately 5 1/2" from cast on edge.

Decrease for top as follows:

Round 1: *K6, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 2 and all even rounds: Knit.
Round 3: *K5, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 5: *K4, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 7: *K3, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 9: *K2, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 11: *K1, K2tog* repeating between stars to marker.
Round 13: *K2tog* to end of round. 10 Stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 10" tail. Using a blunt needle, run the tail through the 10 remaining stitches. Weave in yarn ends and wet block. Lay flat to dry.

Needle note: This hat is started on a 16" circular needle and is knit from the bottom. As you reach the top and begin decreasing, you will need to switch to double-pointed needles of the same size. Some knitters prefer to knit the entire hat with double-points.



Knitted hat is on the left.
Crochet pattern is also available.

HATS FOR TROOPS KNIT ON STRAIGHT NEEDLES

The following pattern will make a hat that some people refer to as a skull cap. The ribbing is knit to a length that will lay flat instead of being folded up. This allows the hats to be worn under helmets, if desired. Blocked hats should be approximately 8" in length. Not sure about size? Try it on! Your hats should fit snugly and cover most, if not all, of your ear. Hats that fall just above the bottom of your ear lobe will be just fine. Happy Knitting!

1 Skein 100% wool worsted weight yarn in a dark color
Size 8 or 9 Straight needles

Cast on 80 stitches.

Knit ribbing, (K2, P2), for 1" to 1 1/2".

Change to stockinette stitch and knit until piece measures approximately 5 1/2" from cast on edge.

Decrease for top as follows:

Row 1: *K6, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 2 and all even rows: Purl
Row 3: *K5, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 5: *K4, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 7: *K3, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 9: *K2, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 11: *K1, K2tog* repeating between stars across row.
Row 13: *K2tog* to end of row. 10 Stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 20" tail. Using a blunt needle, run the tail through the 10 remaining stitches. Sew seam, weave in yarn ends and wet block. Lay flat to dry.