

Warm Band Hat

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Materials:

2 skeins of Australian Merino by King or any DK weight yarn. Size 5US/3.75mm 16' circular needle for the band and for the hat. Use a needle one size bigger for the body of the hat.

Sizing:

Band is around 19 inches unstretched, will stretch up to about 2-2.5 inches. Total length of the hat including band is 8.5 inches

Gauge:

20 sts and 33 rows in stockinette stitch with needle size 5US/3.75mm

Instructions:

Cast on 101 sts using your preferred stretchy cast on method, place a stitch marker. Join the round by slipping the last stitch from the right needle to your left and knit 2 sts together. Now you have 100 sts.

Work in stocking stitch for 16 rows. Purl row 17. Knit another 17 rows. Fold your knitting along the purl row (purl sides inside the fold) and knit live stitches and stitches from the cast on edge together. Be careful knitting stitch to stitch.

Hat pattern:

Set up row: *Knit 7sts, p1 , k1,* repeat to the end

Row 1: Knit 7sts, sl1yo , k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Row 2: Knit 7 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 until hat measures 6.5 inches (or desired length)

Decreases:

Knit 5 sts, k2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 6 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Knit 4 sts, k2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 5 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Knit 3 sts, k2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 4 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Knit 2 sts, k2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 3 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Knit 1 sts, k2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 2 sts, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Knit 2tog, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, repeat to the end

Knit 1 st, p2tog, k1, p2tog

Cut yarn and gather all remaining stitches together using darning needle. Weave in ends.

Pompom is optional. For pompom use any pompom maker size Large.