

HAT WITH ANY YARN

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Materials

Yarn

3.5-5.5 oz [100-150g] yarn in any weight

A blend of wool or animal fibers is preferred (plant fibers won't provide the necessary elasticity and stretch).

Needles

16 in [40 cm] circular needle in a suitable size for the yarn used

Double-pointed needles the same size as the needles above

16 in [40 cm] circular needle one size smaller than the needles above

Choose a needle size within the recommended range for the yarn used. If you are a tight knitter, go up a size; if you're a loose knitter, go down a size.

Notions

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Pattern Notes

Video Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/fYAna8W8jCw>

Difficulty Level

Basic (Project uses knits & purls and basic increases and decreases.)

Skills Required

Specialty Cast On: Alternate cable cast on

Working in the round on circular needles

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Instructions

This hat 'recipe' walks you through the necessary steps to knit a hat with any yarn in your stash. While it does not include swatching (a K1P1 rib fabric provides plenty of stretch), you can knit a gauge swatch in K1P1 rib if you prefer to use a more exact measurement.

Measurements

Before casting on, a few measurements are required to determine how many stitches would be appropriate for the desired hat size.

Head Measurements

Circumference: _____ Length: _____

Stitch Gauge

1" Gauge: _____

Additional Ease

Ease: _____

1. Head Measurements

Using a fabric tape measure, measure (1) around the head just above the ears and (2) from the crown of the head to just below the ear.

Alternatively, you can use the general sizing standards here:

<https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/head-circumference-chart>

2. Gauge

Find the recommended stitch gauge of the yarn you're using and, if it's listed in 4 in [10 cm], divide by four to determine the stitch gauge in one inch [2.5 cm].

If you want to be very exact you can knit a swatch in K1P1 rib and take your gauge measurements from your swatch.

3. Ease

Determine the amount of ease you would like to add. This hat is knit in K1P1 rib so it will have built-in negative ease. In general terms, no additional ease will create a tight, close-fitting hat; 2-3 in [5-7.5 cm] of ease will also have negative ease but have a looser feel; 4+ in [10+ cm] will create a slouchier, oversized hat (*but this is also dependent on your knitting tendencies - whether you knit tightly or loosely - these are just general guidelines*).

MATH

Once you've written down all the necessary measurements, you can calculate your cast on number.

1. Head Circumference + Ease

Calculate the desired circumference of the hat by adding the desired amount of ease to the head circumference.

Head Circumference + Ease = _____

Note: if you are not including any additional ease, skip this step and just use the head circumference in the next step.

2. Hat Circumference x Stitch Gauge

Multiply this number (*head circumference + additional ease*) by the one inch [2.5 cm] stitch gauge of the yarn you're using.

Hat Circumference x 1 in [2.5 cm] stitch gauge = _____

3. Round to an Even Number

Once you have multiplied the stitch gauge by the desired hat circumference, round this number to the closest even number (*to accommodate the K1P1 rib stitch pattern*). This is your cast on number.

Cast On Stitch Count: _____

Knitting the Hat

With smaller needles, using the Alternate Cable Cast On [optional: use your favorite stretchy cast on] CO an even number of sts.

Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. PM to mark BOR.

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Continue in K1P1 patt as est for 2 in [5 cm].

Switch to larger needles and continue in K1P1 patt as est for the desired length of the hat.

Final Rnd: *K1, p1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k1, sl1p to RN, rm, sl1p back to LN, pm for new BOR.

Dec Rnd: *K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd.

Switch to DPNs and rep Dec Rnd 2 more times.

Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, and tighten to close.

Finishing

Weave in ends.

Wash & block the hat following the care instructions on the yarn label.



Abbreviations

BOR	beginning of round	patt	pattern
CO	cast on	pm	place marker
dec	decrease	pwise	purlwise
DPNs	double-pointed needles	rem	remaining
est	established	rep	repeat
k	knit	RN	right needle
k2tog	knit two sts together	rnd	round
LN	left needle	sl1p	slip 1 purlwise
p	purl	st(s)	stitch(es)

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