KNITTED HAT

Materials: For acrylic hats -- Caron Simply Soft worsted weight yarn -

black only!

For wool hats -- any sturdy worsted black wool, such as Paton's

Classic Wool or Cascade 220

Needles: Size 7 or 8 (4.5-5 mm) 16" or 20" circular needle -

size to get gauge

Double-pointed needles in the same size

Gauge: 4.5 - 5 sts per inch

Experience needed: Moderate to experienced; you must have experience knitting hats in the round. We do not send hats with seams.

On circular needle, cast on 72 sts *loosely*. (I cast on over 2 needles to make sure it's loose enough.) Join, being careful not to twist.

Work in K1P1 ribbing for 15 rounds.

Increase 8 sts evenly for a total of 80 sts.

Then work in stockinette stitch (K every round) until total length from cast-on edge is 8-1/2" - 9". (It's better to err on the side of a bit too much for acrylic hats, to make sure the hats can fit on a bandaged head.)

Begin decreases, changing to DP needles when necessary (unless you are knitting with the Magic Loop method):

Row 1: K6, K2tog around.

Row 2 and all even rounds: Knit.

Row 3: K5, K2tog around.

Row 5: K4, K2tog around.

Row 7: K3, K2tog around.

Row 9: K2, K2tog around.

Row 11: K1, K2tog around.

Row 12: K2tog around.

You will have 10 stitches left. Cut yarn and weave through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Weave ends.

There is a constant need for warm hats.

Once completed, hats can be sent to:

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