



Materials

- 🧶 2 16" circular needles, one in US size 7 and one in size 8 needles
- 🧶 1 set of US 8 double-pointed needles
 - You can do the whole project on DPNs if you wish, but I don't suggest it
- 🧶 At least 140 yards of worsted weight yarn (though with some clever needle sizing I've squeaked out adult-sized hats with 100 yards!)
- 🧶 1 stitch marker
- 🧶 A tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Stitches

- 🧶 CO - Cast On
- 🧶 Sts - stitches
- 🧶 K - Knit
- 🧶 P - Purl
- 🧶 K2tog - Knit two stitches together (create a knit stitch just as you normally would, except instead of slipping your needle through the next stitch, slip it through the next two stitches and knit them together. This creates a right-leaning decrease.

Pattern

CO 100 sts. Join to knit in the round (be careful not to twist!) and place a marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Ribbing Round: [K2, p2] around

Work the ribbing round ten more times (for a total of eleven rounds).

Switch to the larger needles and work one more ribbing round.

Knit stockinette (knit all stitches) around until you've got between 6 and 7 inches of material from the cast on edge (or until you can put the hat on your head - you should be able to fit it on your head snugly, but it should come as low as you want it to when you wear it. Likely, this means it should cover your ears).

Begin decrease rows, switching to DPNs when the work begins to get snug on the circular needles. When you make this switch, I suggest placing the stitch marker after the first k2tog stitch you make, so you know which dpn is your first one. You'll want to remove the stitch marker entirely in decrease round 14.

Decrease Round 1: [k8, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 2: K around

Decrease Round 3: K around

Decrease Round 4: [k7, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 5: K around

Decrease Round 6: [k6, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 7: K around

Decrease Round 8: [k5, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 9: K around

Decrease Round 10: [k4, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 11: [k3, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 12: [k2, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 13: [k1, k2tog] around

Decrease Round 14: [k2tog] around

Finishing

Cut the yarn leaving a tail a few inches long and begin to bind off.

There are many ways to do this. My preferred method is to use my knitting needles; I start by making a loop with the tail over the lefthand needle, and then passing each stitch in turn over that loop. When you reach the end of a DPN, pull the tail all the way through.

Another method is to use a crochet hook: starting with the most recently knit stitch, put each stitch onto the hook. You should end with the first stitch in your round closest to the hook and the tail should be coming out closest to the handle. Then, put the tail into the hook and use it to pull the tail through all of the stitches.

Once the tail is through all of your stitches, use a knitting needle to snug up each stitch in the last round, starting with the first stitch in the round. You should end up with the most recently knit stitch being very loose. Pull on the tail gently until this stitch tightens up also, and then keep pulling to firmly snug up the top hole. (You may wish to do this in two steps, pulling on the tail between the already-tightened stitches to snug up the terminal stitch and then pulling the tail to do a final tightening. Whatever works for you!)

Finally, thread the tail through the tapestry needle. Use this needle to pull the tail down through the top of the hat (the navel, or cat butt, as I've heard it referred to - I usually just call it the top lol) and, turning the hat inside out, run the tail through each stitch on the inside of the top once or twice. This keeps the top hole nice and snug and prevents it from gaping open if it should loosen. Weave in the tail on the inside, weave in the starting tail, block as desired, and wear with love!

Feel free to do whatever you like with this pattern, just don't post it for download anywhere, okay? I'd also appreciate it if you credit me in your FO's should you decide to sell them, but if not, no worries. You can also tag us on social media (@mollygirl yarn) or using our hashtag, #mollygirl yarn! We love to share FOs, especially if they're made using our yarn ;) Rock on, kids!

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