

Teddy Hat!



This is a ridiculously simple pattern, so it should be easy for beginners. I'm no expert knitter, myself, so if I can do it, pretty much anybody can.

The yarn I used was Sierra Pacific "Cherish", a bulky alpaca/acrylic blend, but it should work for pretty much any bulky yarn. The fuzzier the better, I say.

Yarn: Any bulky weight, whatever material you like.
Needles: #9 16" Circular
#9 DPNs, 4ea
Tapestry needle (for closing the top and weaving in ends)
Gauge: 4 stitches x 6 rows = 1" x 1" stockinette
Size: One size fits most.

Pattern:

For the Hat:

CO 72 onto #9 16" circular needle.
Join, make sure it's not twisted.
Knit in St st for 6" (with brim unrolled).

Decrease:

Place marker at beginning of round.
k10, k2tog
Repeat * to * until you've decreased 6 times and finished the round (66 stitches)
Decrease similarly for the next 9 rounds (k9, k2tog – k8, k2tog – etc.)
Evenly divide the stitches on 3 DPNs when it gets tough to decrease on the circular.
Continue decreasing until you have 12 stitches left.

Cut your yarn to an 8" tail. Use a tapestry needle to slip the tail through the remaining

stitches in a loop, dropping the stitches from your DPNs, and pull the top closed tightly. Slip the needle down through the top into the inside of the hat, tie off the tail in an adjacent stitch. Weave in ends.

For the Ears:

I just used a couple of the DPNs for this, since they're small.

CO 11 onto one #9 DPN.

Knit 6 rows of St st.

Decrease:

*Row 1: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 from end of row, SSK, k1

Row 2: p1, p2tog, purl until 3 from end of row, SSP, p1*

Repeat from * to * until 5 stitches left.

Purl 1 row.

Increase:

*Row 1: k1, kfb, knit until 1 before last stitch, kfb, k1

Row 2: p1, pfb, purl until 1 before last stitch, pfb, p1*

Repeat from * to * until you have 11 stitches again.

Knit 6 rows of St st.

Bind off, leaving a nice long tail.

Fold in half to make the ear, right-sides-out.

Use the tail to stitch around it and join the two halves into one double-layer ear, and stitch it to the hat.

Weave in ends.

Repeat for ear #2.

And you're done!