

Please find two different hat patterns from two different volunteer knitters.

### **KNITTED HAT**

Size 5mm needles.

Double knitting wool.

Cast on 70, 80 or 90 stitches.

k2, p2 rib for 7-8 inches depending on size

To shape top:

- Row 1 – (k8, k2 tog) to end
- Row 2 – alternate even rows - purl
- Row 3 – (k7, k2 tog) to end
- Row 4 – (k6, k2 tog) to end

Continue decreasing this way until you knit 2 tog all way across.

Pull wool through stitches and fasten off.

Make a bobble and attach if you want.

*Lorna, South East England*

### **BASIC KNIT HAT** for a child (adult in brackets)

Size 7mm needles

Cast on 66 (68) stitches.

Row 1: (k2, p2) ribbing across the entire row.

Row 2: (p2, k2) ribbing across the entire row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 three more times for a total of eight rows

Work in stocking stitch (k1 row, p1 row) until the piece measures 5" (7") from final row of ribbing, ending with a purl row.

Crown decreases:

Row 1: (k6, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 58 (72) stitches

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: (k5, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 50 (62) stitches

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: (k4, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 42 (52) stitches

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: (k3, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 34 (42) stitches

Row 8: Purl

Row 9: (k2, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 26 (32) stitches

Row 10: Purl

Row 11: (k1, k2tog), repeat to last two stitches, k2 = 18 (22) stitches

Row 12: Purl

Row 13: (k2tog) across = 9 (11) stitches

Cut an 18 'tail and carefully thread through each stitch on the needle, pull through tightly and mattress stitch to seam closed.

Weave in ends.

*June, Central Scotland*

## **SIMPLE SCARF**

Size 5mm needles.

Double knitting wool.

Cast on 30 stitches.

Knit in garter stitch for 36 – 40 inches.

There are many pretty stitches that can be used.

Try double moss stitch (k2, p2) for two rows then alternate OR basket stitch (k4, p4) for four rows then alternate.

You will need 28-32 stitches for this.

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Snoods are a useful item for putting in our shoeboxes, please find a pattern below for you to try.

## **AN EASY SNOOD**

Size 8mm needles

Measure approximately 40cm wide and 61cm long

Gauge: 11stitches and 14 rows = 10cm in stocking stitch

Cast on 58 stitches

- Row 1: Purl
- Row 2: k2tog, but DO NOT slip stitch from needle.
- Insert right-hand needle between stitches, just knit tog.
- And knit the first stitch again, then slip both stitches from needle.
- Repeat this until the end of row.
- Row 3: Purl
- Row 4: k1. K2tog, but DO NOT slip stitch from needle.

Insert right-hand needle between stitches, just knit together.

And knit the first stitch again, then slip both stitches from needle.

Repeat this until last stitch k1.

These 4 rows form a diagonal pattern.

Continue even in pattern until work from beginning measures approximately 61cm, ending on a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> row.

Cast off purlwise

Sew cast on and cast off edges together

*June, Central Scotland*

**MITTENS** to fit a 14yr old  
(8yr old and 5yr old respectively in brackets)

Mittens are a good way of using up small quantities of wool, as you can introduce many patterns of stripes.

**Right mitten:**

Size 11mm needles. Cast on 42 (34,26) stitches and work 16 (14,12) rows in k1, p1 rib.  
Change to 9mm needles and work 2 rows stocking stitch.

Shape for thumb gusset:

- Row 1: k21 (17,13) inc. in next stitch, k1, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 2, 3, 4: Stocking stitch
- Row 5: k21 (17,13) inc. in next stitch, k3, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 6, 7, 8: Stocking stitch
- Row 9: k21 (17,13) inc. in next stitch, k5, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 10, 11, 12: Stocking stitch

Continue increasing in this way on every fourth row until you have 52 (42,34) stitches, ending with a purl row.

Thumb:

Row 1: k34 (28,24), turn

Row 2: k1, p12 (10,9), cast on 3 (3,2) stitches, turn.

Work a further 16 (12,10) rows in stocking stitch on these stitches.

Shape top of thumb:

Row 1: k2 (1,0), \*k2 tog, k1, rep from \* to end.

Row 2: k1, purl to last stitch, k1

Row 3: k1 (0,0), \*k2 tog, rep. from \* to end

Draw up and fasten off and sew up thumb seam.

Palm:

With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn and knit up 3 (3,2) stitches fro base of thumb, then knit to end of row.

Work 29 (23,17) rows in stocking stitch.

Shape top of mitten:

Row 1: k1, k2 tog, k15 (11,7), skypo, k1) twice

Row 2: k1, p17 (13,9), k1) twice

Row 3: k1, k2 tog, k13 (9,5), skypo,k1) twice

Row 4: k1, p15 (11,7), k1) twice

Row 5: k1, k2 tog, k11 (7,3), skypo, k1) twice

Row 6: (k1, p13 (9,5), k1) twice.

Cast off small size.

Work a further two rows for middle size and four rows for larger size in the same manner, then cast off.

### Left mitten:

Size 11mm needles. Cast on 42 (34,26) stitches and work 16 (14,12) rows in k1, p1 rib.  
Change to 9mm needles and work 2 rows stocking stitch.

Shape for thumb gusset:

- Row 1: k17 (14,10) inc. in next stitch, k1, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 2, 3, 4: Stocking stitch
- Row 5: k17 (14,10) inc. in next stitch, k3, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 6, 7, 8: Stocking stitch
- Row 9: k17 (14,10) inc. in next stitch, k5, inc in next st, knit to end.
- Rows 10, 11, 12: Stocking stitch

Continue increasing in this way on every fourth row until you have 52 (42,34) stitches, ending with a purl row.

Thumb:

Row 1: k31 (25,20), turn

Row 2: k1, p12 (10,9), cast on 3 (3,2) stitches, turn.

Work a further 16 (12,10) rows in stocking stitch on these stitches.

Shape top of thumb:

Row 1: k2 (1,0), \*k2 tog, k1, repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: k1, purl to last stitch, k1

Row 3: k1 (0,0), \*k2 tog, repeat from \* to end

Draw up and fasten off and sew up thumb seam.

Palm:

With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn and knit up 3 (3,2) stitches from base of thumb, then knit to end of row.

Work 29 (23,17) rows in stocking stitch.

Shape top of mitten as for right hand mitten

Sew up top and side seams

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