

Nici Beason Knitting™



Ski Cap

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| Yarn | about 54 (66, 80, 96) yards chunky yarn that gets 3 spi over St st |
| Needle | US #11, or size needed to obtain gauge |
| | US #9 for Garter trim (or a needle 2 or 3 sizes down from larger needle used) |
| Gauge | 3 sts = 1"; 12 sts and 20 rows = 4x4" square over Stockinette St |
| Sizes | S (M, L, XL) <i>Measure around crown of head. S=19-20"(kid to teen, women's small), M=21-22"(average woman), L=23-24"(average man), XL=25-26".</i> |

For half-size head measurements (i.e. 20½"), work next size up (M). Remember: knitting hats is not perfect. If it does not fit the intended recipient, it will fit someone! ☺

NOTE: Hat is worked flat and seam is joined with Mattress Stitch.

HAT

With smaller needle, cast on 56 (62, 68, 74) sts and work 4 rows knit (Garter st trim). Change to larger needle and work in Stockinette st until piece measures 5¼ (5¼, 6¼, 6¼)" from cast on edge.

Shape Crown

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| Row 1 (RS) | *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2). |
| Row 2 | Purl. |
| Row 3 | *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2). |
| Row 4 | Purl. |
| Row 5 | *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2). |
| Row 6 | Purl. |
| Row 7 | *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2). |

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Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 10 Purl.
Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 12 Purl.
Row 13 *K2tog; rep from * to end: 7 (10, 10, 10) sts remain on needle.

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving a 16" tail. With yarn needle, thread this yarn tail through the remaining stitches, removing them from needle. Pull yarn tail tightly through these stitches to close hole. Sew hat seam using Mattress Stitch.

Weave in ends.