

KNITTED CAPS

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The knit caps, knit in the round, can be made on a 16 inch round, size 8 or 9 needles, or double pointed needles. Use only yarn that is cotton, acrylic or a combination of both. Do NOT use yarn that contains any wool.

Pattern One: (For circular or double pointed needles)

1. Cast on 88 stitches on size 8 circular needle or size needle to work at 4-1/2 inches per inch.
2. Knit one inch, either straight knitting or with a rib pattern (knit 1, purl 1).
3. Work stockinette stitch, knit stitches only, for 6 inches.
4. Knit 2 stitches together around; knit one row; knit 2 stitches together around; knit one row, etc.
5. Continue in pattern until 6 stitches remain.
6. Pull yarn through these stitches to close and tie off. This makes the top of the hat.

Pattern Two: (For straight needles)

1. Cast on 65 stitches on size 9 needles or size to work at 3-1/2 stitches per inch.
2. Knit 2, purl 2, knit 1, every row for 8 inches.
3. Knit 2 together across the row.
4. Purl one row.
5. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until only 5 or 6 stitches remain.
6. Pull yarn through the stitches and sew the seam.

Pattern Three: (For circular or double pointed needles)

1. Cast 80-90 stitches on a 16-inch circular needle, sizes either 7-10, work in the round for 8-10 inches. Cut the yarn long enough to pull through the stitches.
2. Optional: On the last row, knit two stitches together all the way around.
3. With the long piece of yarn, pull the stitches together to form the top of the cap.