

MADDY'S KNITTED CAP

Variation of rice/seed stitch

MATERIALS: - 2-50 g balls of "dishcloth" cotton
- 5mm needles or whichever needles you need to give the correct gauge

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" in st st

NOTE: The directions for this cap require a sewn seam to join it in the round. It's very important to **knit the first and last stitch on every row** to create a flat seam when sewing up so as to avoid irritation against sensitive skin. See finishing directions at end.

DIRECTIONS:

Cast on 71 sts.

Row 1: (K1, P1) repeat to last st, K1.

Repeat this row until piece measures 5" from the cast edge, (approx. 34 rows), ending with a wrong side row.

DECREASE:

Row 1 (right side): *K12, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (66 sts)

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10: K1, purl to last st, K1

Row 3: *K11, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (61 sts)

Row 5: *K10, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (56 sts)

Row 7: *K9, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (51 sts)

Row 9: *K8, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (46 sts)

Row 11: *K7, K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, K1 (41 sts)

Row 12: K1 *P2tog. P6.Repeat from * to last 6 st, P5 K1 (36 sts)

Continue decreasing in this manner on EACH row, from now on, having 1 less stitch between the decreases to 11 sts.

FINISHING: Break yarn and thread onto a darning needle. Pass the yarn through the remaining sts and draw up tightly. Sew up back seam, picking up the purl knots alternately on each side and pull yarn to make a flat seam.

This hat can be made in the round using a circular and/or double pointed needles.

Cast on 70 sts.

Mark the first st of the round.

Round 1: *(K1, P1) * Repeat to the last st.

Round 2: *(P1, K1) * repeat to the last st.

Repeat these 2 rounds for 5". Decrease as for sewn hat, knitting the alternate row evenly and ignoring the last K1 st at the end of each round until 40 sts are left. Continue, decreasing on each round as for sewn cap to 10 sts. Beak yarn and thread onto a darning needle. Pass the yarn through the remaining sts and draw up tightly and secure.

