

HAT WITH EAR FLAPS

Designed for Oxfam by: Tina Egleton



Measurements

To fit small-medium (medium to large) head.

Materials

2 x 50 g balls of double knitting yarn in one colour or equivalent amount for multicoloured option. No. 8 (4 mm) knitting needles.

Tension

22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 x 10 cm over stocking stitch, using No. 8 (4 mm) needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Plain hat

Right ear flap

** With No. 8 (4 mm) needles, cast on 5 sts. K 3 rows.

Increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2.

Repeat increase row, twice more. K 1 row, then work increase row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (5) times more – 21 (23) sts. K 18 (20) rows.**

K 1 row, casting on 12 (13) sts at beginning of this – 33 (36) sts.

Break off yarn and leave these sts on a st-holder.

Left ear flap

Work as right ear flap from ** to **. K 1 row, turn and cast on 12 (13) sts - 33 (36) sts.

Joining row: K across left ear flap, cast on 28 (32) sts, then k across right ear flap – 94 (104) sts. K 5 rows. ***

Inc row: K6 (7), inc, [k8 (9), inc] 9 times, k6 – 104 (114) sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 29 (35) rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K13 (8), k2tog, [k11 (10), k2tog] 6 (8) times, k11 (8) – 97 (105) sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k10 (11)] 8 times. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k9 (10)] 8 times. P 1 row.

4th row: K1, [k2tog, k8 (9)] 8 times. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k7 (8)] 8 times.

Continue dec 8 sts in this way, dec 8 sts on every alternate row until 17 sts remain. **Next dec row:** [P2tog] 8 times, p1.

Next dec row: K1, [k2tog] 4 times – 5 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join back seam.

Ties (make 2): Cut yarn into eighteen 50 cm lengths. Fold 9 lengths in half and attach folded end at centre of cast on edge on each ear flap. Divide lengths into three parts and plait. Secure plaited ends and trim.

Multi coloured hat

Work as plain hat to ***. Working in 2-row or 4-row or 6-row stripes, complete as plain hat. Using all colours, make ties as on plain hat.