

Practically Perfect and Perfectly Practical

We all need that quick to knit hat for a friend or loved one. The hat that almost knits itself as it is so simple. This is that hat.

Knit with a heavy aran (the sample was knit with one ball of Noro Kuryon), the hat takes less than 100 m to make – up to the large size – the extra-large size requires 120 m.

Stripe up some leftover Aran weight yarns or double up on a DK and make up a few of these hats for next Winter!

Materials: 80 to 120 yds aran weight yarn, 4.5mm US #7 16-inch circs, 5.0mm US #8 16-inch circs and dpns, markers and regular notions.

Gauge: 18 sts in 4 inches in stockinette in the round.

Sizes: small, 17 inches, medium, 19 inches, large, 20 inches and x-large, 22 inches

Abbreviations: **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **BORM** – beginning of round marker. **pm** – Place Marker. **slm** – Slip the marker with your needle as you come to it.

Pattern

Working with 4.5mm needle cast-on 72 (80, 84, 92) sts. Being careful not to twist the cast-on, place BORM and connect into a round.



Work 7 (9, 9, 11) round in K2, P2 ribbing.

Next round – increase round –

Small – (K18, M1) 4 times – 76 sts.

Medium – (K20, M1) 4 times – 84 sts.

Large – (K14, M1) 6 times – 90 sts.

X-large – (K23, M1) 4 times – 96 sts.

Knit in stockinette stitch until the hat is approx. 4.5, (5, 5.5, 6) inches deep from cast-on.

Shape Crown

Set-up Rounds

Small – (K17, K2tog) 4 times – 72 sts. Start crown shaping on round 7.

Medium – (K18, K2tog) 4 times – 80 sts. Start crown shaping on round 5

Large – (K43, K2tog) twice – 88 sts. Start crown shaping on round 3.

X-large – start crown shaping with round 1.

If using markers place a marker after each K2tog on the first round.

Round 1 – (K10, K2tog) 8 times – 88 sts

Round 2 and all even rounds – Knit.

Round 3 – (K9, K2tog) 8 times – 80 sts.

Round 5 – (K8, K2tog) 8 times – 72 sts.

Round 7 – (K7, K2tog) 8 times – 64 sts.

Round 9 – (K6, K2tog) 8 times – 56 sts.

Round 11 – (K5, K2tog) 8 times – 48 sts.

Round 13 – (K4, K2tog) 8 times – 40 sts.

Round 15 – (K3, K2tog) 8 times – 32 sts.

Round 17 – (K2, K2tog) 8 times – 24 sts.

Round 19 – (K1, K2tog) 8 times – 16 sts.

Round 21 – (K2tog) 8 times – 8 sts.

Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread tail through a tapestry needle and gather the remaining sts onto the threaded needle.

Pull needle and yarn through the stitches and cinch to tighten the stitches. Push needle through the center gather and weave in your ends.

Block if desired.

