



EASY, EASY, EASY CHILD'S HAT

MATERIALS:

Size 13 circular needles (9-inch wire) or set of 4-5 size 13 double pointed needles

About 60 yards of (equivalent to) bulky weight (# 6) yarn for 44 stitch hat; about 70 yards of (equivalent to) bulky weight (# 6) yarn for 48 stitch hat. If you do not have # 6 yarn, you can combine lighter weight yarns to make a yarn equivalent to #6.

DIRECTIONS:

Cast on*** 44 or 48 stitches, depending on weight of your yarn and size of head you want your hat to fit. Join stitches, being careful not to twist stitches. Begin pattern: ***Knit 2, purl 2* to end.**

Follow this pattern on every row until your hat measures 8 ¼ inches (44 stitches) or 9 ¼ (48 stitches) inches from the beginning.

Last row: *knit 2 together, purl 2 together” all around (22 stitches remain or 24 stitches remain). Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

To finish: Bring tail through remaining stitches, pull very tightly, and close the top. Weave in the ends.

Variations:

1. Use solid colored yarn throughout



2. Knit a 4-inch brim of one color and then alternate rows with another color. Finish with the color of the brim.



3. Use scraps in a single- or multi- color range to give the hat interest. Change yarns randomly and not in the same place each time as you knit the hat.



4. Make your own # 6 weight yarn by combining 2 lighter weight yarns and treating them as one yarn.



When you finish, please sign the Handmade gift tag with your first name. Use a piece of scrap yarn to attach it to your hat.

***Many knitters find that the cable cast on works particularly well for hats. It is very firm and still very flexible. This video shows how to do it:

www.ehow.com/video_4429587_cable-cast-knitting-stitches.html

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