

Bear Hat

Width 8" Height 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

GAUGE: 22 sts and 30 rnds over 4" using US6 round needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 88 sts. Join to work in the round, be careful not to twist the stitches.

Place marker for beginning of rnd and slip marker on every rnd.

Work [K2,P2] rib for 2 inches.

Knit all rounds until hat measures 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edge.

Shape Crown : (change to double pointed needles when work becomes too tight)

Rnd 1: [K9, K2tog, place marker] rep across rnd. [8 sts decreased]

Rnd2: Knit all stitches

Rnd 3: [K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog] rep across rnd.

Rep rnd 2 and 3 until 24 sts remain.

Next rnd: K1, K2tog

Last rnd: [K2tog] (8 sts)

Finishing : Cut yarn, thread onto a tapestry needle, pass through remaining sts, pull tight to close and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Make 2 small pom-poms. Attach pom-poms on either side of the hat where the crown begins its decreases.

How to Make Pom-poms

1. Cut a piece of heavy cardboard to 6" x 2".
2. Make an opening down the center of the cardboard. The cut should be about three-quarters of the way down the length.
3. Cut a 10" length of yarn and insert it into the opening in the cardboard, making sure to space it evenly on each side.
4. Wrap the yarn evenly around the width of the cardboard about 100 times, keeping the same amount of tension and not pulling too tightly.
5. Pull up on the length of yarn that you inserted into the cardboard in Step 3. Tie it tightly around the wraps you just made, then knot.
6. Slide the pom-pom off the cardboard.
7. Use scissors to cut the loops on one side. Cut as evenly as possible, so all the strands end up the same length.
8. Repeat the same on other side.
9. After cutting all the loops, fluff the pom-pom and trim around it to even out the edges.
10. Use the long ties to attach them to your hat.