





Basic Earflap Hat – with optional animal faces

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Hat is worked in the round, top down. Length of hat can be adjusted to fit.

Materials: 1 skein Cascade 220
 1 set 4mm dpns
 1 40cm/16 in 4mm circular needle
 st marker

SIZE & FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

To fit	S: Teen/Small Women's	M: Women's Average	L: Men's Average
Finished Circumference	18 ins	20 ins	22 ins
Finished Length before earflaps (adjustable)	9 ins	9.5 ins	10 ins

GAUGE: 22 sts and 28 rounds = 4" in stocking stitch in the round, yarn is worked to a tighter gauge than normal for a warmer hat

Crown

Using dpns, cast on 8 sts. Distribute across needles & join to work in the round. PM at beg of round.

Round 1: *K1, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 16 sts.

Round 2 and all following even rounds: Knit.

Round 3: *K2, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 24 sts.

Round 5: *K3, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 32 sts.

Round 7: *K4, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 40 sts.

Round 9: *K5, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 48 sts.

Round 11: *K6, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 56 sts.

Round 13: *K7, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 64 sts.

Round 15: *K8, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 72 sts.

Round 15: *K9, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 80 sts.

Round 15: *K10, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 88 sts. Change to circular needle at this point.

Round 15: *K11, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 96 sts.

Sizes M & L only: Round 17: *K12, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 104 sts.

Size L only: *K13, m1; repeat from * to end of round. 112 sts.

Body: All sizes: Knit even in rounds until hat meas 8.5 (9, 9.5)" from top. You can adjust here for length - just work even until hat is about ½" short of desired length of hat body. Earflaps will add 3".

Earflaps:

Row 1 (RS): K15 (17, 17) sts, turn. Work only on these sts for the first earflap. Other sts can rem on needle.

Row 2 (WS): P15 (17, 17), turn. Repeat Rows 1 & 2 3 more times.

Row 9 (RS): SSK, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 10 (WS): Purl. Repeat Rows 9 & 10 until 3 sts rem.

Final row (RS): Slip 2 sts together knitwise, knit 1, pass 2 slipped sts over stitch just knit. 1 st remains. Cut yarn and pull through final stitch to secure. This is the left earflap. Put a safety pin or marker in it.

Rejoin yarn to st 16 (18, 18) of the round (immediately to left of earflap just worked). K 45 (49, 53) sts, turn.

Row 2 (WS): P15 (17, 17), turn. The other stitches can remain on the needle.

Row 3 (RS): K15 (17, 17) sts, turn.

Row 4 (WS): P15 (17, 17), turn. Rep Rows 3 & 4 twice more. Finish as per first earflap, starting at Row 9.

I-Cord Trim: Using 2 dpns, cast on 3 sts.

*Knit 3 sts. Don't turn! With RS facing, slide sts to other end of the needle they are on and knit them again, pulling the yarn tight to close up the back of the cord. Repeat from * until I-cord measures 8 inches/20cm.

Attach I-cord to lower edge of hat as follows:

*Knit across the 3 sts of the I-cord, and with the same needle, pickup & knit 1 st in bottom edge of right earflap. Slide the 4 sts to the other end of the needle as for standard I-cord, then k2, ssk. Repeat from * until you reach lower edge of left earflap.

Work standard I-cord on 3 sts until it meas 8" from lower edge of left earflap. Cast off 3 sts & pull yarn through final st to secure.

With 2 dpns, cast on 3 sts for I-cord. With same needle, pickup and knit 1 stitch in lower edge of left earflap, behind the I-cord that's already there. Work attached I-cord along back edge of hat, between left & right earflaps. Work final pickup & decrease behind I-cord that's already anchored at bottom of right earflap. Cast off. Use tails to sewn down second I-cord to bottom of earflaps, behind first I-cord.

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