

Paint Horse Hat #1



This is a chunky beanie perfect for beginners that can be made in either of two simple length variations — one is shorter for a grungy beanie situation. The second is taller and allows you to fold the brim up for a cute traditional winter hat look.

For a first project, this one is ideal. You will learn to knit and purl (the two stitches that comprise every and all knitting patterns!!) and once you have the hang of it, you can finish one of these in an evening or two, making them a super chic, wearable, handmade gift! Either length looks great with a pompom.

Because the yarn is bulky and the needles are large, this hat will stretch to fit any head. One size fits all!

You will need:

- A ball of bulky yarn. The one I used here has 106 yards
- A 16 inch size 10 needle
- A stitch marker

Instructions:

Variation 1: Short Beanie (no fold up; more grungy)

Cast on 72 stitches. For this beanie I prefer the stretchy 1x1 rib cable cast on. You can use any cast-on you know or like. Make sure you cast on exactly 72 stitches.

Place stitch marker at the end/beginning of the round.

KNIT IN THE ROUND

Rounds 1-37 are a 1x1 rib: knit one purl one. Make sure the knits are stacked on top of each other and so are the purls.

BEGIN DECREASE

* as you decrease row by row the circular needle will start to feel too long. You can switch to the magic loop method or size 10 double pointed needles.

Round 38, begin decrease. *K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1 **P2tog**. P1 K1 P1 K1 P1 K1 P1 **K2tog** * Repeat ** to the end of the round.

Round 39, *K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, **K2tog** (the second stitch of the P2tog will be the P2tog of the previous row which will create a sweet subtle decreasing pattern at the top of the hat.) P1 K1 P1 K1 P1 K1 **P2tog** * Repeat ** to end of round.

Round 40, *K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, **P2tog** P1 K1 P1 K1 P1 **K2tog** * repeat ** to end of round

Round 41 *K1 P1 K1 P1 **K2tog**, P1 K1 P1 K1 **P2tog***
Repeat ** to end of round

Round 42 *K1 P1 K1 **P2tog** P1 K1 P1 **K2tog*** repeat ** to the end of the round.

Round 43 *K1 P1 **K2tog** P1 K1 **P2tog*** repeat ** to end of round

Round 44 *K1 **P2tog** P1 **K2tog*** repeat ** to end of round.



Leaving your remaining stitches on the needle, cut your yarn about six inches long.

Use a darning needle to pull the yarn through the remaining stitches — removing them from the

knitting needle — and pull to tighten/cinch the top of the hat. Tie a simple knot to fasten the yarn in place.

Sew in the tail along a knit column on the inside of the hat.

This image shows the top of the hat. The decreases are even and barely perceptible.

Version 2:

Follow the same instructions, but start your decrease at Row 46 instead of 38.

You will have enough yarn on a standard skein of bulky, and your hat will be tall enough to fold at the bottom.

Post your hats and tag @painthorsegarmentco so I can see what you made!

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