Knit • Beginner (first hat in the round)

Kindling Rib Beanie

A classic hat worked in the round from the brim up: a deep 2×2 rib that folds back, a plain body and a neat eight-point crown. Three sizes, the same round numbers in all of them.

Size

Child [Adult S/M, Adult L]. Finished circumference 16 [19¼, 22½] in (40.5 [49, 57] cm), to fit a head of about 17–19 [20–22, 22–24] in (43–48 [51–56, 56–61] cm). Height before folding about 9½ in (24 cm); fold the brim up 2 in (5 cm), or deeper for a child.

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) wool or wool blend, about 185 [225, 260] yds (169 [206, 238] m).
- Needles: US 7 (4.5 mm) 16 in (40 cm) circular needle, and a set of US 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles or a long circular for magic loop when the crown gets small.
- Notions: 1 stitch marker for the start of the round (optional: 9 [11, 13] more to mark the crown sections), tapestry needle.

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in stockinette (knit every round). Check your gauge: the fit depends on it.

Abbreviations

k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 together (1 st decreased)
st(s): stitch(es)
[ ]: numbers for the larger sizes
p: purl
rep: repeat
*: repeat the instructions after the * as directed

Notes

- Numbers are given for Child, with Adult S/M and Adult L in brackets: 80 [96, 112]. Where only one number is given, it is for all sizes.
- The round numbers are the same in every size; only the stitch counts change.
- Switch to double-pointed needles or magic loop when the stitches no longer reach around the circular needle.

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Cast on 80 [96, 112] sts loosely. Place a marker and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches.

☐ Brim

Rounds 1–28: *K2, p2; rep from * around.

☐ Body

Rounds 29–56: Knit.

☐ Crown

Round 57: *K6, k2tog; rep from * around. (70 [84, 98] sts)

Round 58: Knit.

Round 59: *K5, k2tog; rep from * around. (60 [72, 84] sts)

Round 60: Knit.

Round 61: *K4, k2tog; rep from * around. (50 [60, 70] sts)

Round 62: Knit.

Round 63: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around. (40 [48, 56] sts)

Round 64: Knit.

Round 65: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around. (30 [36, 42] sts)

Round 66: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around. (20 [24, 28] sts)

Round 67: *K2tog; rep from * around. (10 [12, 14] sts)

☐ Finishing

- Cut the yarn, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread it through the remaining 10 [12, 14] sts, pull tight and fasten off on the inside.
- Weave in the ends. Fold the brim up to the outside.

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