

Beanie Pattern on Circular Needles

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I find it much easier to use two circular needles to work any tube pattern such as hats and socks. You work half the stitches back and forth on each circular needle separately. This avoids having to switch over to double pointed straight needles when shaping the hat.

Cast on 84 stitches on a #8 circular needle (24 inch is the best length to use, they are long enough to allow the resting needles to hang out of your way). **This gauge is for Wool-Ease® Yarn and 18 stitches knitted 24 rows should give you a 4x4 inch square. You will have to adjust how many stitches you cast on for other yarns and needle sizes.**

Transfer 42 stitches to a second circular needle. You will be knitting first 42 stitches using the first needle and the second 42 stitches using the second needle

One circular needle works while the other one rests!

Stockinette beanie with 1 inch ribbing:

k2, p2 for 1 ½ inch work each needle separately

Change to all knit rows until piece measures 8 inches total

Begin shaping

Row 1 k5, k2 tog repeat to end (36 st left on each needle)

Row 2 and all even rows knit

Row 3 k4, k2 tog, repeat to end (30 st left on each needle)

Row 5 k3, k2 tog, repeat to end, (24 st left on each needle)

Row 7 k2, k2 tog, repeat to end (18 st left on each needle)

Row 9 k1, k2 tog, repeat to end (12 st left on each needle)

Knit last row

Cut a generous length of yarn and string on tapestry needle.

String the remaining 24 stitches through with the yarn and drawstring work together on top to shape the hat. Secure work but weaving yarn into work before cutting,

