

# Basic Bulky Hat

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A quick-to-knit hat in super bulky yarn with options to be worked flat with a seam or in the round without a seam.

## Sizing and Materials Details

**Sizes:** Small/Medium (Large/X-Large)

**Finished measurements:** 18 (20)" circumference & 9 (9.5)" depth.

**Gauge:** 9 stitches and 12 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch using size needle to obtain gauge.

**Needles:** For hat worked flat and then seamed: US 13 (9 mm) straight or circular needles. For hat worked in the round: US 13 (9 mm) 16" circular needle and US 13 (9 mm) DPN or size needed for gauge. *Adjust needle size as necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

**Yarn:** 60 (75 yards) of super bulky weight (CYCA #6) yarn. Samples shown in Malabrigo Rasta (100% merino wool, 90 yds/150g) and Freia Ombre Super Bulky (100% wool; 87 yds/150g).

**Other Materials:** stitch marker, tapestry needle, pom pom (if desired).

# Instructions

## Worked flat

Cast on 40 (44) sts. Beginning with a RS row, work in k1p1 ribbing for 6 rows as follows:  
Rows 1-6: \*k1, p1; repeat from \* to the end of the row.

When these 6 rows are complete, piece measures about 2".

Row 7 (RS): k5, m1, k to the end of the row. One st increased – 41 (45) total sts.

Purl one WS row. Beginning with a knit row, continue in St-st stitch until piece measures 6" from the cast on edge, ending after completing a WS row.

## Shape Crown

*Larger size only:*

Row 1 (RS): \*k7, k2tog; rep from \* 4 times total, knit to the end of the row. 41 sts rem.

Row 2: purl.

*Both sizes (stitch count now refers to both sizes):*

Row 3: \*k6, k2tog; rep from \* to the last stitch, k1. 36 sts rem.

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: \*k5, k2tog; rep from \* to the last stitch, k1. 31 sts rem.

Row 6: purl.

Row 7: \*k4, k2tog; rep from \* to the last stitch, k1. 26 sts rem.

Row 8: p1, \*p2tog, p3; rep from \* to the end of the row. 21 sts rem.

Row 9: \*k2, k2tog; rep from \* to the last stitch, k1. 16 sts rem.

Row 10: p1, \*p2tog, p1; rep from \* to the end of the row. 11 sts rem.

Row 11: \*k2tog; rep from \* to the last stitch, k1. 6 sts rem.

## Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread the yarn onto a tapestry needle and pull it through the remaining 6 sts to secure. Seam the hat together. Weave in tails. Attach a pom pom or tassel as desired. Block.

# Instructions

## Worked in the round

Cast on 40 (44) sts onto 16" needle. Being careful not to twist the sts, place a marker and join the work in the round. Work in k1p1 ribbing for 6 rounds as follows:  
Rounds 1-6: \*k1, p1; repeat from \* to the end of the round.

When these 6 rounds are complete, piece measures about 2".

Continue in St-st until piece measures 6" from the cast on edge.

## Shape Crown

*Larger size only:*

Round 1: \*k7, k2tog; rep from \* 4 times total, knit to the end of the round – 40 sts rem.

Round 2: knit.

*Both sizes (stitch count now refers to both sizes):*

*Switch to DPN when the sts become tight on the circular needles*

Round 3: \*k6, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 35 sts rem.

Round 4: knit.

Round 5: \*k5, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 30 sts rem.

Round 6: knit.

Round 7: \*k4, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 25 sts rem.

Round 8: \*k3, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 20 sts rem.

Round 9: \*k2, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 15 sts rem.

Round 10: \*k1, k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 10 sts rem.

Round 11: \*k2tog; rep from \* to the end of the round. 5 sts rem.

## Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Thread the yarn onto a tapestry needle and pull it through the remaining 5 sts to secure. Weave in tails. Attach a pom pom or tassel as desired. Block.



## Abbreviations

**DPN** – Double Pointed Needles.

**k** – knit.

**k2tog** – knit two stitches together. One stitch decreased.

**m1** – Lift the horizontal running thread between the needles onto the left-hand needle from back to front. Knit this strand through the front to twist closed. One stitch increased.

**p** – purl.

**p2tog** – purl two stitches together. One stitch decreased.

**rem** – remain/remaining.

**rep** – repeat.

**RS** – right side (outside) of the fabric.

**st/sts** – stitch/stitches.

**St-st** – Stockinette Stitch; RS rows are knit and WS rows are purl when worked flat. When worked in the round, all rounds are knit.

**WS** – wrong side (inside) of the fabric.

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