

Need a beanie pattern?

There are lots of free patterns on the internet. Google is your friend! For example, if you can knit only plain (knit) stitch, try googling “garter stitch beanie pattern free beginners” or something like that.

Also, if you’re unsure of a technique, do a search on YouTube where you will find many helpful videos.

In the meantime, here’s a pattern for beginner/intermediate knitters.

Classic Adult Beanie

To fit 56 cm head, medium adult size.

Worked flat and sewn together.

This beanie can be knitted as is, in a single colour.

Or, depending on your knitting experience, you can make your own variations and additions.

Some ideas:

- a 2 x 2 rib instead of 1 x 1.
- a band that is double length and can be folded back (uses extra yarn)
- your own choice of textured pattern, eg moss stitch or basket weave.
- colour work such as stripes (a great way to use small oddments of different colours)
- a pompon

Materials

2 x 50g balls of 8ply (DK) yarn

1 pair of 4mm needles

1 pair of 3.25mm needles

Knitters needle for sewing seam

Tension

22st and 28 rows over 10 cm x 10cm

Abbreviations

K - knit (plain stitch)

P - purl

K2tog - knit two stitches together (decrease)

rep - repeat

BAND

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 110 sts.



Work in rib as follows:

Row 1: K1 *P1 K1** rep to last st, P1.

Row 2: K1 *P1 K1** rep to last st, P1.



Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 18 rows have been worked (approx 6 cm)



BODY OF HAT

Using 4 mm needles, work in stocking stitch as follows:

Row 1: K

Row 2: P

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have worked 28 rows (10cm) of stocking stitch.

(Note: if you have extra yarn, and want a “slouchier” beanie, knit extra rows, up to 15cm of stocking stitch.)

DECREASE FOR CROWN

Row 29: K5, *K2tog, K5** to end (95 sts).

Row 30: P to end.

Row 31: K4, *K2tog, K4** to last 5 sts, K5. (80 sts).

Row 32: P to end.

Row 33: K3, *K2tog, K3** to last
5 sts, K3 K2tog. (64 sts).

Row 34: P to end.

Row 35: K2, K2tog, *K2, K2tog** to end. (48 sts)

Row 36: P to end.

Row 37: *K1, K2tog** rep to end. (32 sts)

Row 38: P to end.

Row 39: K2tog to end. (16 sts).

Row 40: P to end.

Row 41: K2tog to end. (8 sts).

Row 42: P to end.

Cast off.

Break off yarn.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in any loose ends.

Using knitters needle and a length of yarn, gather the top 8 cast-off sts of the crown and pull tightly together. Secure firmly with a couple of slip stitches.

Sew the seam together using your preferred stitch. (Most patterns recommend backstitch however I use a mattress - or ladder - stitch to ensure a flat finish.)

Finish the stitching neatly at the edge of the band by making a number of small, tight, slip stitches over each other and carefully snipping the yarn when you are convinced it can't come undone!

Have fun making beanies!