



SUPER QUICK HAT

Plump stitches make this hat super warm, super cozy and utterly charming. Top it off with a matching pompom, or try one in a contrasting color. We also like the addition of a single duplicate stitch in a contrasting color to create a simple, yet eye-catching heart. A quick knit for the perfect gift!

- Finished Size:** Approx. 18"/46cm around x 8½"/21.5cm long; fits 20–23"/51–58cm head.
- Yarn:** 1 skein Wool and the Gang *Crazy Sexy Wool* (87 yds/80m each). Or approx. 42 yds/38m super bulky-weight yarn.
Optional: small amount of contrasting yarn for duplicate stitch or pompom. *Note: You can also use leftover yarn from hat to create matching pompom.*
- Needles & Notions:** US 17 (12–12.75mm) set of 5 double-point needles, or size to obtain gauge.
US 15 (10mm) 16"/40cm circular needle, or one size smaller than gauge needle.
1 locking marker.
4 large stitch markers.
3¾"/85mm pompom maker; strong yarn or string to attach pompom.
Darning needle to finish.
- Gauge:** Approx. 8 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch, after blocking.
- Glossary:** **Dec(d)** = decrease(d); **K** = knit; **K2Tog** = knit 2 sts together; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).
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- Cast on:** With smaller needles, using cable cast-on method, cast on 36 sts; do not join yet.
Set-up row: *K1, P1*; repeat between * * to end.
Join in round, being careful not to twist; clip locking marker into first st to designate beginning of round; move up as necessary.
- Ribbed edge:** Round 1: *K1, P1*; repeat between * * to end.
Repeat Round 1 until work measures 2"/5cm.
Next round: K2Tog, knit to end. [35 sts]
- Straight section:** Change to gauge needles, distributing sts as evenly as possible onto 4 needles.
Knit every round until work measures 6"/15.5cm from cast-on edge; on last round, place 4 more markers every 7 sts. *Note: Decrease rounds will add approx. 2½"/6.5cm.*

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Crown shaping: *Rearrange sts on your needles as you work through decrease rounds.*
Round 1: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2Tog*; repeat between * * 4 more times. [5 sts dec'd]

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Round 1 only (decreasing every round) until 5 sts remain.

Finishing: Cut yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail. With darning needle, thread tail through remaining sts, draw up tightly; repeat for strength. Weave in all ends on wrong side.
Soak hat for 20 minutes in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in towel and gently squeeze out more moisture. Lay flat on blocking board or other moisture-safe surface. Allow to dry thoroughly.

Pompom: With matching or contrasting yarn, make a pompom following instructions on pompom maker. With darning needle, pass tails a small distance apart to inside of hat; tie together in a tight bow so you can easily remove pompom for washing.

Duplicate Stitch Heart (optional): Thread darning needle with approx. 18"/46cm of contrasting yarn. Leaving an 8"/20cm tail to weave in later, create a single duplicate stitch as follows:

Bring darning from back to front of work through bottom of 'V' stitch and draw yarn through. Insert darning behind both legs of stitch directly above and draw yarn through. Insert darning to back of work through bottom of 'V' stitch where you started; draw yarn through. Weave in ends as invisibly as possible on wrong side.

We positioned our duplicate stitch 3 rows up from ribbed edge and approx. a quarter of the way around from the beginning of round. Place a single stitch for a tiny heart shape, or follow a chart for other options.

Let your creativity shine!