

Thick, Quick & Warm Column Flattop Hat

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If you're looking for one of the fastest knit hat here it is. Similar to the Classic Flattop Hat the TQ&W Column Hat pushes warmth and comfort to the limit. If you need a warm hat in a hurry give this a try.

Materials Needed:

Yarn, Bulky weight (#7), approximately 100 yards
16" circular in US size 11 (or a set of
double pointed needles in the same size)
Stitch Markers
Darning or large eye yarn needle
Scissors

Abbreviations Used & Skills Needed:

CO: Cast on Needles
K: Knit
P: Purl
K2tog: Knit 2 together
Rev St St: Reverse stockinette stitch
BO: Bind off
PM: Place Marker
Rnd: Round
SM: Slip marker
RM: Remove marker
Dec: Decrease

The Hat is worked in multiples of 12 stitches plus 1 stitch

Using size 11 circular needles CO 57 sts

Being careful not to twist sts, work an Invisible Join. Instructions for this join can be found at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idghalAiuZQ>

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PM after join. You will have 56 sts on needle
Rnd 1 through 5: (K2, P2) around, 2x2 Ribbing SM
Rnd 6 & 7: K
Rnd 8 through 10: reverse stockinet
Rnd 11 through 13: K
Rnd 14 through 16: reverse stockinet
Rnd 17 through 18: K
Rnd 19 through 23: 2x2 Ribbing
Rnd 24 & 25: K
Rnd 26 through 28: reverse stockinet

Rnd 33 through 35 K
Rnd 36 K2 K2tog
Rnd 37 through 39K
Rnd 40 K1K2tog

NOTE : *Change to size 11 double pointed needles when circular needle becomes too long to use*

Rnd 41 through 43: Rev St St (purl each st) around, SM (56 sts on needle)
Rnd 44 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around, SM (42 sts on needle)
Rnd 45 through 47: K around, SM
Rnd 48 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around to last Dec. k remaining stitches to end. (31 sts on needle)
Rnd 49 through 51: K around, SM
Rnd 52 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around to last Dec. k remaining stitches to end. (23 sts on needle)
Rnd 53 and 53: K around, SM
Rnd 54 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2tog) around to last Dec. k remaining stitches to end. (17 sts on needle)
Rnd 55: K around, SM
Rnd 56: (Dec Rnd): (K1, K2tog) around to last Dec. k remaining stitches to end. (13 sts on needle)

STOP!!! Consider working the Alternate Ending below!

To finish the original pattern:

Rnd 57: 1) K around to marker, RM. 2) Cut yarn 16" (about 41 cm) or more from last stitch. 3) Thread yarn end into a your needle of choice. 4) Transfer all stitches from the needles to the yarn. To close the top of the hat, draw the yarn tight. Move the needle to the inside of the hat, threading through the loops and tie off. Weave in all ends.

Alternate Ending: (you will need about 8" of sturdy elastic cord)

Rnd 57: 1) BO next st. 2) Thread elastic cord into a needle of choice. 3) Transfer all stitches from the needle onto the elastic cord. Tie the elastic cord really tight and maybe even add a spot of glue. You have now turned the Flattop into a Ponytail Flattop. Use a crochet hook to finish off all of the loose ends and you're done.

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