

Loved and Found Classic Flattop Hat

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Materials Needed:

Yarn, Bulky weight (#5), approximately 100 yards
Needles, 16" circular in US size 10.5 (or a set of double pointed needles in the same size)
Needles, double pointed in US size 10
Markers St:
Darning or large eye yarn needle
Scissors
Crochet hook

Abbreviations Used & Skills Needed:

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

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

Using size 10.5 circular needles CO 85 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>

PM after join. 84 sts on needle

Rnd 1 through 8: (K2, P2) around, SM

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Rnd 9 and 10: K around, SM
Rnd 11 through 13: Rev St St around, SM (In circular knitting Rev St St is simply the purl stitch)
Rnd 14 and 15: K around, SM
Rnd 16 through 19: (K1, P2) around, SM
Rnd 20 and 21: K around, SM
Rnd 22 through 24: Rev St St (purl each st) around, SM
Rnd 25 and 26: K around, SM
Rnd 27 through 31: (K1, P2) around, SM
Rnd 32 and 33: K around, SM

Top and Finishing:

NOTE : *Change to size 10 double pointed needles when circular needle becomes too long to use*

Rnd 34 through 36: Rev St St (purl each st) around, SM
Rnd 37 through 39: K around, SM (84 sts on needle)
Rnd 40 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around, SM (63 sts on needle)
Rnd 41 through 43: K around, SM
Rnd 44 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around to last 3 sts. K last 3 sts. (51 sts on needle)
Rnd 45 through 47: K around, SM
Rnd 48 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2 tog) around to last 3 sts. K last 3 sts. (42 sts on needle)
Rnd 49 and 50: K around, SM
Rnd 51 (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2tog) around to last 2 sts. K last 2 sts. (34 sts on needle)
Rnd 52: K around, SM
Rnd 53: (Dec Rnd): (K2, K2tog) around to last 2 sts. K last 2 sts. (28 sts on needle)

STOP!!! Consider working the Alternate Ending below!

To finish the original pattern :

Rnd 54: 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 54: 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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