



Cool Kid Earflap Hat

Keep a youngster warm while enjoying the winter weather. This knit hat is comfortable to wear and looks great on both boys and girls!

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Hat measures 17½" circumference, unstretched. Hat is designed to fit 20" head.

RED HEART® Soft™: 1 ball 4422 Tangerine.

Knitting needles: 4.5mm [US 7] circular needle, 16" long, 4.5mm [US 7] double pointed needles. Stitch marker, stitch holder, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4"; 26 rows = 4" in Stockinette st.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitches

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

M1L = Make 1 Left (Increase) – Insert left needle from front to back under strand between needles, knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

M1R = Make 1 Right (Increase) – Insert left needle from back to front under strand between needles, knit strand through the front loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

pfb (Purl into front and back) = Purl next st but do not remove from needle, purl into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

ssk = Slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

Special Technique

Cable Cast On = Turn work so stitches are on left needle, *insert needle between first and 2nd stitch on left needle, wrap and draw loop through (as if making a knit st), slip the new stitch back onto the left needle; repeat from * until the desired number of stitches have been cast-on.

Notes

- Two earflaps are worked back and forth in rows using two double-pointed needles. Each earflap begins by working an I-cord tie, stitches are then increased to shape the earflap.
- Hat is worked in rounds beginning with circular needle and changing to double-pointed needles when the number of stitches has been sufficiently decreased.
- Visor is worked, back and forth in rows, across front edge of hat. Two double-pointed needles or one circular needle can be used.

EARFLAP and TIE (make 2)

Cast on 5 sts onto one double-pointed needle.

Make I-cord tie: *Knit all the stitches, do not turn work.

Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches. Repeat from * until tie measures 10".

Turn piece, and work back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (Right Side): P1, M1R, Knit to last st, M1L, p1—7 sts.

Row 2: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Rows 3–14: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 six times—19 sts.

Row 15: P1, knit to last st, p1.



Row 16: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until earflap measures 3¼" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row. Place stitches on holder. Repeat for 2nd earflap.

HAT

Begin working with circular needle

Set-Up Round (Right Side): Working across one earflap, p1, knit to last st, p1, cable cast on 31 sts for front of hat; working across 2nd earflap, p1, knit to last st, p1, cable cast on 19 sts for back of hat—88 sts. Place marker for beginning of round, join to work in rounds, being careful not to twist the sts.

Round 1: P1, k17, p33, k17, p20.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Round 2 until hat measures 4" from cable cast on edge.

Shape Crown

Note: Change to double-pointed needles when stitches no longer fit comfortably around circular needle.

Round 1: *K6, k2tog; repeat from * around—77 sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: *K5, k2tog; repeat from * around—66 sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * around—55 sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * around—44 sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * around—33 sts.

Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around—22 sts.

Round 12: Knit.

Round 13: *K2tog; repeat from * around—11 sts.

Round 14: [K2tog] 5 times, k1—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread yarn into yarn needle and thread through remaining stitches. Pull to close opening. Secure end.

VISOR

Position hat with Right Side facing and crown facing towards you. Working across front edge of hat, beginning 2 sts from one earflap, pick up and k27 sts evenly spaced across to 2 sts before next earflap.

Work in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) for 5 rows.

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—25 sts.

Row 2: P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog through back loops, p1—23 sts.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1—21 sts.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Rows 2 and 3—17 sts

Row 6 (Turning Row worked on Wrong Side): P1, knit to last st, p1.

Row 7: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb—19 sts.

Row 8: Pfb, purl to last st, pfb—21 sts.

Row 9: Repeat Row 7—23 sts.

Rows 10 and 11: Repeat Rows 8 and 9—27 sts.

Work even (without increasing or decreasing) in St st for 6 rows.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Fold visor along turning row and sew in place. Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: k = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; p = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette st; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.