

PEEPS SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH KNITTING AND PURLING IN THE ROUND AND HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH DPNS

Knit the **Best.Hat.Ever** with super chunky, super satisfying wool. This project knits up supa' fast and makes for a great gift.

Grapefruit sized pom poms are optional, but strongly encouraged.

## Glossary:

K - Knit | P - Purl | CO - Cast On | PM - Place Marker
SM - Slip Marker | Rnd - Round | st(s) - Stitches
DPN - Double pointed needle | K2Tog - Knit two stitches together
\*to\* indicates a repeating pattern

## Size & Gauge:

One size fits most - if you want a smaller hat, try going down a needle size. Bam!

**Gauge:** 9.5 sts x 12 rows =  $10 \text{cm} \times 10 \text{cm} (4'' \times 4'')$  on larger needles, stockinette stitch in the round

#### Yarns:

• One skein of <u>Wool & The Gang Crazy Sexy Wool</u> (we used Moss Green) **or** <u>Malabrigo Rasta</u> **or** another <u>super bulky yarn</u> of your choice!

Our sample used approximately 80 metres/87 yards.

#### Needles n' Notions:

- One set of 9mm (US 15) 40cm (16") circulars
- One set of <u>10mm (US 15) 40cm (16") circulars</u>
- One set of 10mm (US 15) DPNs
- Stitch Marker
- A darning needle for weaving in ends
- An XL Pom Pom Maker (optional)

## Start Knitting That Big Hat!

On smaller needles, CO 42 sts using the long tail cast on. PM for the beginning of round, and join to work in the round (being careful not to twist your stitches!)

## Rounds 1-16 or until piece measures approx 14cm (5.5"):

Work in \*K3, P3\* ribbing (repeating from \* to \*) around

### Body of the toque:

Switch to larger needles. K all sts for approximately 17 rounds, or until your piece measures about 25cm (9.75") from the cast on edge.

#### Shape The Crown!

Switch to your DPNs when it becomes too awkward to continue using your circulars.

Round 1: \*K5, K2Tog\* until end of rnd (36 sts)

Round 2: K all sts

Round 3: \*K4, K2Tog\* until end of rnd (30 sts)

Round 4: K all sts

Round 5: \*K3, K2Tog\* until end of rnd (24 sts)

Round 6: K all sts

Round 7: \*K2, K2Tog\* until end of rnd (18 sts)

Round 8: K all sts

Round 9: \*K1, K2Tog\* until end of rnd (12 sts)

Round 10: \*K2Tog\* until end of rnd (6 sts)

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## Finishing!

Break yarn leaving a long tail. Thread your darning needle with the tail and put the needle through all the remaining stitches on the knitting needles, and pull it super tight! Weave in your ends.

## Make A Big Ol' Pom Pom!

Optional, but highly recommended. We like the <u>Clover XL Pom Pom Maker</u> because we love our pom poms grapefruit sized, but you can use whatever pom pom maker works best for you. Use contrast colour yarn for a fun pop of colour, or get yourself one of those fancy faux fur poms!

**Helpful Video:** How to make an XL pom pom by Knifty Knittings (aka the pom pom queen!)

Congrats on your brand new BIG HAT!

# This nifty pattern was designed by STASHy peep, Veronica!

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