

Nittin' Ninja  PRESENTS!

Knit Elf Hat



This seasonal cutie is for relatively quick to whip up, but does require stranding skills. The snowman chart is my design, but if you prefer, you can use a chart more to your liking. Just make sure it works with the 78 sts!! **It fits teen/adults.**

Materials

2 skeins contrasting color
worsted weight yarn
#8 40" circular needles
#9 40" circular needles
Pom-pom maker (optional)

Bobble: Knit into st, DO NOT SLIP OFF. Purl into same st, knit again and repeat 3 more times, slip off needle. You will have made 7 sts, and they'll be crammed together. The first stitch on your right needle will act as an anchor. This is the last k st you worked. Using the needle in your left hand, pass the other six stitches over the anchor. You now have a bobble! Here is a link see you can see how it's done.

<https://youtu.be/KboYESnfetw>

Making the Hat

With smaller needles, cast on 78 sts, join in the round using magic circle method.

Work 2 ½ inches k1, p1 rib

Next round, k1, *p1, make a bobble, p1, k1,* around

Next round, *make bobble, p1, k1, p1* around

Change to larger needles and contrast yarn, knit first round

Follow the chart for the next 20 rounds, then knit one round.

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Decreasing

Basically, decrease 6 sts evenly every 6th row. I'll get you started with the first few decreases! So you've finished the chart and knit your first round, you'll start like this:

First decrease round: k6, *k2tog, k11* around, k5 = 72 sts

Work 5 rounds straight

Next decrease round: k5, *k2tog, k10* around, k5 = 66 sts

Work 5 rounds straight

Next decrease round: k5, *k2tog, k9* around, k4 = 60 sts

Work 5 rounds straight

Next decrease round: k4, *k2tog, k8* around, k4 = 54 sts

Decrease in this manner until you reach 24 sts.

Next decrease round: k1, *k2tog, k2* around, k1 = 18 sts

Work 3 rounds straight

Next decrease round: k1, *k2tog, k1* around, k2tog = 12 sts

Work 3 more rounds straight

Last decrease round: k2tog 6 times = 6 sts

Leaving the sts on the needles, cut a long tail, thread an embroidery needle with the yarn and starting where you would work another round, pull through the remaining sts, removing them from the knitting needles as you do. Pull tight, and still using the embroidery needle, slip the loose end through the top and use to tuck in the end on the inside of the hat. Make your pom-pom in contrast color and attach to the top.

You're done!