

Ruffled Hat

Materials:

100 grams worsted weight yarn

Approximately one yard complimenting ribbon or chunky yarn

Needles: Size 7 16 & 24" Circular Needle, DPN's size 7

Gauge: 5 sts/inch

Sizes: Girls 18", (Ladies small 20")

Ruffle:

- Using 24" circular needle, cast on 285, (315) stitches. Join to knit in the round, being very careful not to twist, and place marker. Knit 8 rounds.
- Changing to 16" circular needle, *k3tog, repeat from * to end of round. 95 (105) stitches remain
- Next round, knit around, decreasing 7, (5) stitches evenly around. 88 (100) stitches remain.

Eyelet:

- *K2, P2* around. Repeat for 4 rounds.
- *k2, p2, k2, yo, p2tog Repeat from * around. (**See note below)
- *K2, P2* around. Repeat for 3 rounds.
- Knit every round until piece measures 5 (6) inches from cast on.

Decrease Rounds (changing to DPN's when stitches get too tight to fit around the circular needle):

Ladies size, begin here:

Round 1: *K8, K2tog repeat from * around

Round 2 **and all even rounds:** Knit

Round 3: *K7, k2tog* repeat from * around

Girls size, begin here:

Round 5: *K6, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 7: *K 5, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 9: *K 4, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 11: *K3, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 13: *K2, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 15: *K1, k2tog repeat from * around

Round 17: *K2tog repeat from * around



Using tapestry needle, draw yarn through remaining stitches, removing them from the needle, and gently draw the hole closed. Weave in the end inside the hat. Weave a length of ribbon/yarn through the eyelet holes, and tie it in the back.

****Note regarding eyelet :** This is the part where the math gets you a bit. You'll notice that the eyelet round is an 8-stitch repeat. This works out well for the girl's size, because the total number of stitches is divisible by 8. For the ladies, it's not quite as perfect: you'll end up with two eyelet holes closer together. HOWEVER, if you place it at the back of the head where the ribbon ties, trust me, it won't be noticeable. I didn't even notice it until I sat down to write this pattern! The other option is to adjust the pattern a bit, to either 104 or 96 stitches, but then the top decreases will need to be adjusted as well. Personally, I like a nice, even 100-stitch hat ;-) Knitter's choice!

Definitions:

DPN: double pointed needle

inc: Increase under the horizontal thread between the stitches. To do this, insert the left needle from front to back under the horizontal thread, then knit it through the back loop.

k2tog: Knit two stitches together

p2tog: Purl two stitches together