

Double Layer Sockyarn Hat

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A double layered sockweight yarn hat creates a thin gauge hat with two layers. It is totally reversible with the second layer knit identical to the first side, then folded in the center of the ribbing section that is worked first, and one layer is tucked inside the other. Lots of warmth, and two looks in one if worked in different yarns for the two sides. Use your imagination and use up your leftover bits of sockyarn!

Materials Needed Yarn: Sockweight/fingering yarn:
2 skeins (1.75oz/50gr, 230yd/210m skein)
Or use leftovers from approx 2-3 pairs of medium adult socks-amount will vary depending on size of socks originally knit, etc.

Needles:

Size 2 US 16" circular needle
Size 2 US double pointed needles
Or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions:

Stitch marker
Yarn needle

Gauge: 7 sts = 1"

Sizes: Adult medium, approx 21" circumference, for a snug, close fitting hat.

Note: Use your favorite provisional temporary cast on to begin. I prefer to crochet my cast on stitches directly onto my working needle with waste yarn, then work one row plain with waste yarn before beginning my ribbing with the main yarn. *Or if you prefer for this pattern* you may use your main yarn and a standard permanent cast on, then go back to the starting edge and pick up new stitches along the edge instead of working from live stitches from a provisional cast on.



Directions:

Using a provisional cast on, on circular needle cast on 148 sts. Join in a round, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of round, and slip this marker at the beginning of each following round.

Ribbing:

Knit 1, Purl 1 rib every round for about 3", or twice the length of ribbing for one side that you desire.

Main Body:

Stockinette Stitch (knit every round) for about 3", or more for a deeper/taller hat.

Shape Top of Hat: Begin Dec Rounds (switch to doublepoint needles when there are too few sts to fit around circular needle).

Double Dec (slip 2 sts tog as if to knit, knit 1, pass 2 slipped sts over), knit 34 rep between ** around, forming 4 sections for top decreases. (8 sts decreased)

Knit 2 rounds plain.

Continue to do Dec Round every 3rd round, but having 2 less sts between decs after each dec round, until 116 sts are left. (See Hint #2 below)

Then do Dec Round EVERY OTHER round (work Dec round, then knit one round plain) until 36 sts are left.

Then do Dec Round EVERY round until 4 sts are left.

Draw end through last 4 sts and weave in end on wrong side.

This will make a slightly rounded, naturally shaped hat.

Make second side/layer:

Go back to beginning and pickup live sts from provisional cast on, from the right side (outside facing out again). If you have one less st due to picking up and knitting in the opposite direction, increase one st on first round to make 148 sts.

Beginning with the main body section (Stockinette St), work another side the same as first, all the way through the final top decreases and finishing.

Hints:

- 1) Be sure to finish off all ends and weave them in before you do the decreasing on the second side, or else you won't be able to get to the inside to do it after you finish!
- 2) To make your decreases line up in a straight line, mark the center st of each dec on the first dec round with a pin in the fabric, which will be the second of the two sts slipped together. On next dec rounds make sure that the marked st is the second of the slipped sts again. You will be slipping the st just before the marked st along with the marked st, then knitting one st, and passing the first two sts over it.

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