FREE KNITTING PATTERN

Easy Knit Hat for Beginners

Knitted flat on straight needles · 2x2 rib, stockinette, 8-section crown · Child / Adult M / Adult L · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	NEEDLES
Beginner	**Child · Adult M · Adult L**	**5 mm (US 8) straight**
YARN	**GAUGE**	**STITCHES**
Worsted (#4), 118 / 151 / 182 yd	**18 sts x 24 rows = 4 in**	**knit, purl, k2tog**

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn: 118 / 151 / 182 yd (Child / Adult M / Adult L)
- 5 mm (US 8) straight needles, tapestry needle, scissors
- Optional: pom-pom maker or a piece of cardboard

Abbreviations (US terms)

k	knit	**RS / WS**	right / wrong side
p	purl	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
k2tog	knit 2 together (-1 st)	**rib**	k2, p2 columns

Worked flat, then seamed. Row 1 is a RS row. The first and last stitch of every row are edge stitches that disappear into the seam.

Child

Cast on	Cast on 74 sts.
Rows 1–12	2x2 rib. RS rows: *k2, p2* to the last 2 sts, k2. WS rows: *p2, k2* to the last 2 sts, p2. (74 sts)
Rows 13–34	Stockinette: knit RS rows, purl WS rows. (74 sts)
Rows 35–50	Crown. Decrease row (RS): k1, *knit to 2 sts before the end of the section, k2tog* 8 times, k1. Purl every WS row. The sections shrink from 9 to 1 st: 66, 58, 50, 42, 34, 26, 18, 10 sts after the decrease rows.
Finish	Cut the yarn leaving a 20 in tail. Thread it through the 10 sts left, pull tight and sew the side seam with mattress stitch.

Adult M

Cast on	Cast on 82 sts.
Rows 1–14	2x2 rib. RS rows: *k2, p2* to the last 2 sts, k2. WS rows: *p2, k2* to the last 2 sts, p2. (82 sts)
Rows 15–40	Stockinette: knit RS rows, purl WS rows. (82 sts)
Rows 41–58	Crown. Decrease row (RS): k1, *knit to 2 sts before the end of the section, k2tog* 8 times, k1. Purl every WS row. The sections shrink from 10 to 1 st: 74, 66, 58, 50, 42, 34, 26, 18, 10 sts after the decrease rows.

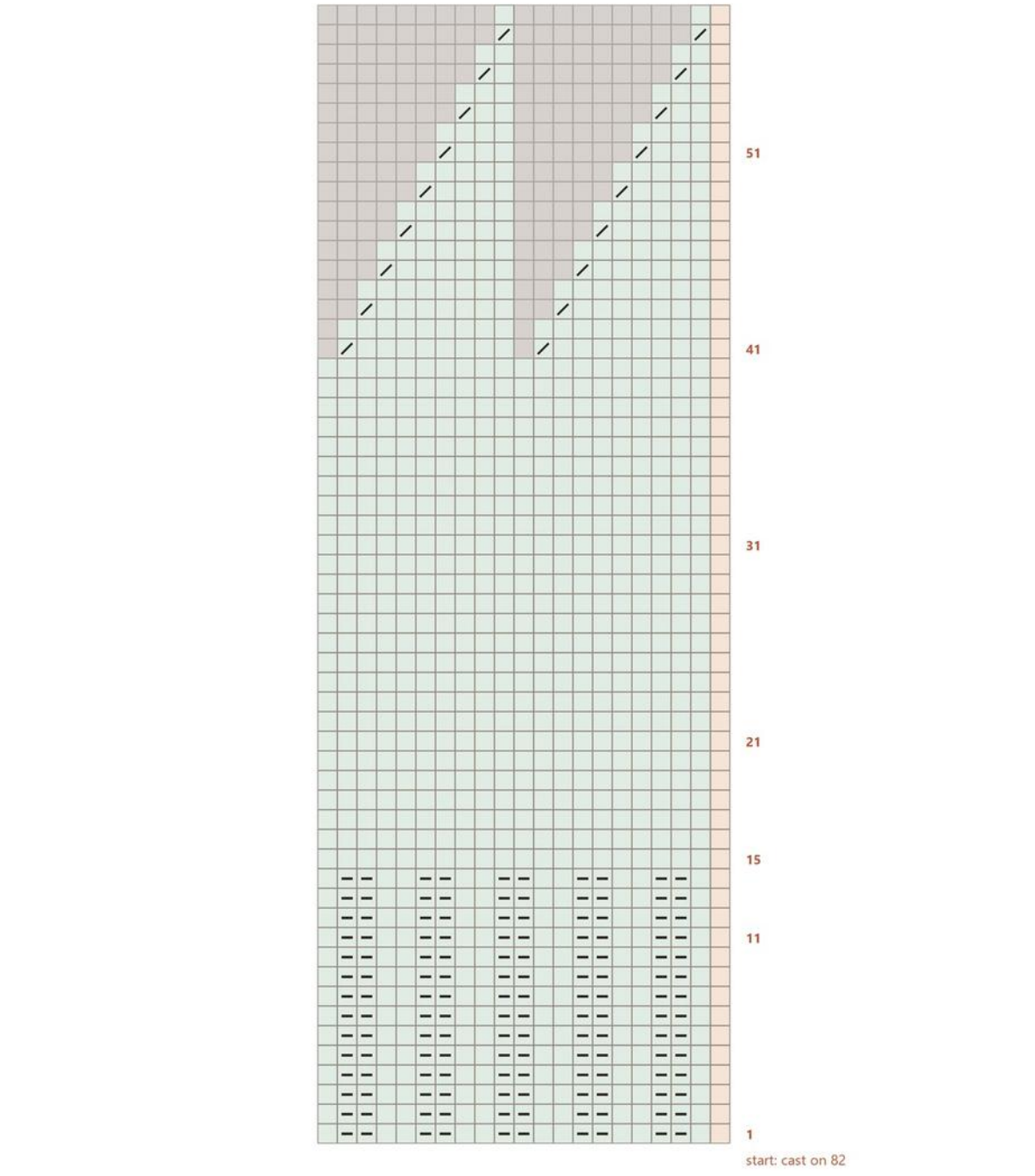
Finish	Cut the yarn leaving a 20 in tail. Thread it through the 10 sts left, pull tight and sew the side seam with mattress stitch.

Adult L

Cast on	Cast on 90 sts.
Rows 1–14	2x2 rib. RS rows: *k2, p2* to the last 2 sts, k2. WS rows: *p2, k2* to the last 2 sts, p2. (90 sts)
Rows 15–44	Stockinette: knit RS rows, purl WS rows. (90 sts)
Rows 45–64	Crown. Decrease row (RS): k1, *knit to 2 sts before the end of the section, k2tog* 8 times, k1. Purl every WS row. The sections shrink from 11 to 1 st: 82, 74, 66, 58, 50, 42, 34, 26, 18, 10 sts after the decrease rows.
Finish	Cut the yarn leaving a 20 in tail. Thread it through the 10 sts left, pull tight and sew the side seam with mattress stitch.

Knit Hat (Adult M) · Stitch Chart

Edge stitch + 2 of the 8 crown sections. Repeat the section 8 times across, plus 1 edge st at the end.



Cast on 82 · rib 14 rows · decreases start on Row 41 · 10 sts left after Row 58

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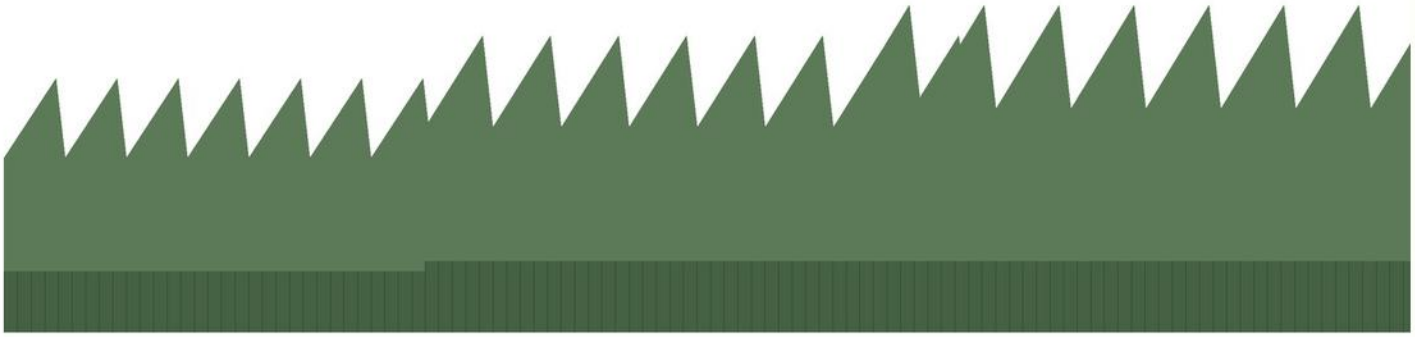
Knit Hat · Sizes

Flat piece before seaming (width = hat circumference). Fits with about 2 in negative ease.



16.0 in wide · 8.3 in tall

Child

head 18–19 in · cast on 74 · 50 rows
about 118 yd worsted

17.8 in wide · 9.7 in tall

Adult M

head 20–21 in · cast on 82 · 58 rows
about 151 yd worsted

19.6 in wide · 10.7 in tall

Adult L

head 22–23 in · cast on 90 · 64 rows
about 182 yd worsted

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