

Child-size Hat, Scarf, and Mittens

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Skill level: Easy

Materials:

3 colors of worsted weight (4) yarn – 4 ounces of color A; 4 ounces of color B; 4 ounces of color C

US size 6 (4mm) circular or straight knitting needles – for hat

US size 6 (4mm) double-pointed knitting needles – for hat

US size 9 (5.5 mm) circular or straight knitting needles – for scarf

Stitch markers

Stitch holder

Yarn needle

Note: Good way to use up scraps in your yarn stash.

Gauge:

5 stitches per inch in stocking stitch.

Instructions:

Hat (one size):

Worked in the round: With size 6 double-pointed needles, cast on 72 stitches. Place marker and join for working in the round. Be careful not to twist the stitches.

Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 1.5”.

Next round: work in k6, p2 ribbing (wide ribbing).

Continue in this ribbing pattern until piece measures 5” from the first row of wide ribbing (or 6.5” from bottom edge).

Change colors for striped pattern. For example, work k2, p2 ribbing in color A; change to color B and work wide ribbing with it for 4”; change to color C and finish knitting the hat with it. Make wide stripes, narrow stripes, alternate between wide and narrow stripes – whatever you desire.

Decrease rounds:

Round 1: *k6, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10: k all stitches to end of round.

Round 3: *k5, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5: *k4, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 7: *k3, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 9: *k2, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 11: *k1, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 12: k2tog to end of round. Cut yarn and leave 6" tail; thread tail through remaining stitches, remove from knitting needles, and pull tail to tighten. Knot close to hat. Weave in loose ends.

Finishing: Make large pom-pom for the top of the hat.

Worked on the circular or straight needles: With size 6 knitting needles, cast on 72 stitches. Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 1.5".

Next row: wide ribbing - k6, p2 across to end of row.

Next row: k2, p6 across to end of row.

These two rows are the wide ribbing pattern. Continue in this ribbing pattern until piece measures 5" from the first row of wide ribbing (or 6.5" from bottom edge).

Change colors for striped pattern. For example, work k2, p2 ribbing in color A; change to color B and work wide ribbing with it for 4"; change to color C and finish knitting the hat with it. Make wide stripes, narrow stripes, alternate between wide and narrow stripes – whatever you desire.

Decrease rows:

Row 1: *k6, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10: p all stitches to end of row.

Row 3: *k5, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 5: *k4, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 7: *k3, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 9: *k2, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 11: *k1, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 12: k2tog to end of row. Cut yarn and leave 16" tail; thread tail through remaining stitches, remove stitches from knitting needles, and pull tail to tighten. Knot close to hat. Sew seam of hat from top to bottom. Weave in loose ends.

Finishing: Make large pom-pom for the top of the hat.

Scarf (one size):

With size 9 circular or straight knitting needles, cast on 26 stitches for size small or 34 stitches for size large.

Row 1: *p2, k6*, repeat from * to * across ending with p2.

Row 2: *k2, p6*, repeat from * to * across ending with k2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 of pattern to desired scarf length. Bind off. Fasten off yarn. Weave in loose ends.

Note: Change colors for striped pattern. For example, start working ribbing in color A for 4"; change to color B and work with it for 4"; change to color C and work with it for 4". Repeat until scarf is desired length. Make wide stripes, narrow stripes, alternate between wide and narrow stripes – whatever you like.

Mittens (make 2):

Sizes:

Small fits children 4-6 years old

Medium fits children 8-10 years old

Large fits children 12-14 years old

Pattern is written with small size first and changes for the medium and large sizes are in ().

With double-pointed knitting needles, cast on 28 (32, 36) stitches for cuff. Place marker and join in round being careful not to twist the stitches. Divide the stitches among three double-pointed needles.

Work k1, p1 ribbing for 2 (3, 3.5) inches.

Next round: k around, increasing 2 (4, 4) stitches evenly spaced for a total of 30 (36, 40) stitches.

Knit 3 (4, 4) rounds.

Make thumb gusset:

Note: m1 means increase 1 stitch by casting on with the backward loop.

Round 1: k3, place marker (different color than the marker for the beginning of the round), m1, k2, m1, place another marker, knit around (4 stitches between markers for thumb gusset).

Round 2: knit around.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2, increasing one stitch after the first stitch marker for thumb gusset and one stitch before the second stitch marker on every odd-numbered round until you have 10 (12, 14) stitches between the thumb gusset markers.

Knit one round after the last increase round.

Put thumb stitches on a stitch holder: k3, remove thumb gusset marker, place 10 (12, 14) stitches on a stitch holder, remove second thumb gusset marker, cast on 2 stitches, continue knitting around to marker. You now have 30 (36, 40) stitches on your needles.

Knit 16 (19, 20) rounds.

Decreasing to shape tip for small and medium sizes:

Round 1: *K4, K2 tog* around.

Round 2: knit.

Round 3: *K3, K2 tog* around.

Round 4: knit.

Round 5: *K2, K2 tog* around.

Round 6: knit.

Round 7: *K1, K2 tog* around.

Round 8: K2 tog all the way around.

Decreasing to shape tip for large size:

Round 1: *k6, k2 tog* around.

Round 2: knit.

Round 3: *k5, k2 tog* around.

Round 4: knit.

Round 5: *k4, k2 tog* around.

Round 6: knit.

Round 7: *k3, k2 tog* around.

Round 8: *k2, k2 tog* around.

Round 9: *k1, k2 tog* around.

Round 10: k 2 tog all the way around.

Cut yarn leaving 6" tail, thread yarn tail through remaining 5 (6, 5) stitches and pull tight. Remove stitches from needle. Knot close to tip of mitten. Weave in loose end.

Thumb:

Pick up 10 (12, 14) stitches from holder, 5 (6, 7) stitches on double-pointed needle 1; 5 (6, 7) stitches on needle 2.

Pick up 4 stitches from the thumb opening - the 2 you cast on plus one from either side. You have 14 (16, 18) thumb stitches.

Starting with needle 1 and knitting around, K 9 (11, 13) stitches; K stitches 10 and 11 [(12 and 13) (14 and 15)] together; K2, K stitch 14 (16, 18) together with stitch 1 of next round - 12 (14, 16) total thumb stitches.

K around on 12 (14, 16) stitches for 10 (12, 13) rounds.

K 2 tog all the way around - 6 (7, 8) stitches.

Cut yarn leaving an 8-inch tail. Draw through 6 (7, 8) remaining stitches, take stitches off needle, and pull tight. Knot close to thumb tip. Weave in loose end.

Block mittens gently with a steam iron or with a damp towel placed over the mittens and a very light ironing with a medium-hot iron to make the mittens flat with the thumb on the palm side of the mitten – now you have a right-hand and left-hand mitten!