

Polar Bear Hat Pattern #2

Materials:

1 skein bulky weight yarn, #9 16 inch circular needle and/or double pointed needles.

Gauge: 4 stitches to an inch

Size: adult

Instructions:

Cast on 72 onto # 9 needles, join being careful not to twist.

Knit until piece measure 6 inches from cast-on.

Decrease: Place marker at beginning of round. *K10, k2tog*

Repeat until you've decreased 6 times and finished the round, (66 stitches).

Decrease for the next 9 rounds – k9, k2tog...k8,k2tog...etc.

Evenly divide the stitches on 3 double pointed needles, continue decreasing until there are 12 stitches left. Cut 12 inch tail and thread through the 12 stitches, weave in ends.

Ears:

Use 2 double pointed needles. Co 11 stitches and knit 6 rows in St. st.

Decrease:

*Row 1: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 from end, SSK, k1.

Row 2: p1, p2tog, purl until 3 from end, SSP, p1.*

Repeat from * to* until 5 stitches remain.

Purl 1 row.

Increase:

*Row 1: k1, kfb, knit until 1 before last stitch, kfb, k1.

Row 2: p1,pfb, purl until 1 before last stitch, pfb.p1.

Repeat from * to * until you have 11 stitches again.

Knit 6 rows of St st.

Bind off, leaving a long tail, fold in half to form ear, right side out. Use the tail to stitch around and join the 2 halves into one double-layer ear and stitch to the hat.

Repeat for second ear.

With tapestry needle and contrasting color, black or grey, add color to the inside of the ear.