

Medical Doll Hats

These hats are designed and sized to use on the charity doll pattern found on this website. The dolls' heads are 8" in circumference. The hat is knitted from the bottom up, starting with ribbing. Feel free to try other stitches or variations after making a few hats.



Directions are for sock yarn/fingering weight yarn with changes in parentheses for light, and medium weight yarns. A summary table is at the bottom. Because bulky yarns vary considerably, specific details are not included. Experiment. Use larger needles and fewer stitches.

Materials: double-pointed knitting needles, 3 stitch markers, small amounts of yarn

Instructions:

Using US size 2 needles (4, 6) cast on 60 stitches (48, 36).

Distribute the stitches evenly between 3 needles and use the 4th needle to knit.

Ribbing: *K1 P1, repeat * from around. Continue until the hat is about ¾" to 1".

Body of hat: K each round until the hat measures 2-½."

Shaping of top and finishing:

On each needle place a marker after the 10th (8th, 6th) stitch.

Alternate Dec Rd 1 and Dec Rd 2 until there are 4 stitches on each needle, ending with a Dec Rd 2 round.

Dec Rd 1: *K2 tog, K to marker, K2 tog to end of needle. Repeat from * for each needle.

Dec Rd 2: K around

Cut yarn leaving about 8-10." With yarn needle, thread through the remaining stitches. Draw up tightly and secure the loose end before cutting the yarn. Add a small pom pom if desired.

Yarn size *	Sock/ Fingering yarn	Light yarn Baby, sport weight	Medium light worsted
Needle size	2	4	6
Cast on each needle	20	16	12
Total stitches	60	48	36
Top shaping: place marker after ___ stitch	10	8	6

Abbreviations: K=knit; P=purl, tog=together, Dec = decrease, Rd= round

* Yarn size systems vary. I've included descriptions of yarns to help.