

Kathryn Ivy

Kiddie Cadet Hat

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When I was looking for the perfect hat pattern for my daughter Camdyn, it was hard to find something that was both stylish and not too over-the-top for every day wear. This is where the Kiddie Cadet comes in. It's perfect for both boys and girls, not frilly but still cute, and definitely daddy friendly—my husband loves this hat and always brings it along on a day out with his little girl. This hat would make a great shower gift, especially for those friends who opt not to find out the sex of the baby, plus it knits up quick with about 100 yards of worsted weight yarn.

We chose to use superwash wool, which allows for ease of care while still offering the versatility of a natural fiber, though you can substitute any worsted weight yarn that gives you the proper gauge.

Depending on your yarn choice, this would make a great winter or summer hat. The soft brim won't get creased during play while at the same time keeping the sun out of your little one's eyes. The hat is offered in three sizes, from infant through child, so your youngster can be stylish for many years to come. -Alice



Size

Sizes to fit Baby (Toddler, Child) head circumference 14" (16", 18"). Hat is designed to fit above ears. When possible, measure recipient's head, as sizes are calculated to standard head size chart on www.yarnstandards.com/headsize.html and the actual size of your child's head may differ.

Supplies

- 1 skein Cascade 220 Superwash Wool (100% wool, 100 grams/220 yards), color #869 Army Green; two hats can be made from one skein.
- US 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular needle
- US 7 (4.5 mm) set of double pointed needles
- US 6 (4 mm) straight needles (for hat brim)
- Stitch marker

Supplies (Continued)

- Darning needle for weaving in ends
- Small amount of waste yarn or safety pin

Gauge

5 sts/inch on size US 7 needles

Please do a gauge swatch before beginning as it is crucial for proper sizing. Natural fibers will grow after blocking, so remember this when checking your gauge.

Pattern Notes

Abbreviations Used:

RS and **WS**: right side and wrong side.

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit two stitches together as one.

slip 1: slip stitch purlwise from left to right needle without knitting or purling into it.

W&T (wrap and turn): slip 1, bring yarn between needles, return slipped stitch back to left needle. Turn work. Return yarn to working position.



Pattern

With larger needles, cast on 70 (80, 90) sts. Mark stitch 35 (40, 45) with waste yarn or safety pin—this will be used later for brim placement. Place marker and join for knitting in the round. Work in garter stitch (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 6 (8, 10) rounds.

Work in stockinette stitch (knit all rounds) until piece measures 3 (3.5, 3.75) inches from cast on edge.

Purl one round.

Knit one round.

Begin Decrease rounds:

Round 1: [k8, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Rounds 2, 4, 6: Knit

Round 3: [k7, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Round 5: [k6, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Round 7: [k5, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Rounds 8 & 10: **(Toddler and Child sizes only, for Baby size omit these rows completely)** Knit.

Round 9: [k4, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Round 11: [k3, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Rounds 12 & 14: **(Child size only, for Toddler and Baby sizes omit these rows completely)** Knit.

Round 13: [k2, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times

Round 15: [k1, k2tog] 7 (8, 9) times—You will have 14 (16, 18) stitches.

Round 16: k2tog 7 (8, 9) times.

Break yarn and use darning needle to tightly draw yarn through remaining 7 (8, 9) stitches. Thread yarn through to the inside of the hat and weave in end.

Hat Brim:

With size US 6 needles and RS facing, pick up 13 (15, 17) stitches on each side of marked stitch, ending with a total of 26 (30, 34) stitches on your needle.

slip 1, p24 (28, 32), W&T

k23 (27, 31), W&T

p22 (26, 30), W&T

Repeat the last two rows, working one less stitch before the Wrap & Turn until you have worked p16 (18, 22), W&T.

Next row (turning row): p16 (18, 22), W&T

p16 (18, 22), **k1**, W&T

k17 (19, 23), **p1**, W&T

Repeat the last two rows, working one more stitch plus a k1 or p1 at the end of the row before the Wrap & Turn, until you have worked k23 (27, 31), p1, W&T.

Leave wrapped stitch on right hand needle, knit next stitch, pass wrapped stitch over. Bind off remaining stitches knitwise.

Sew underside of brim to hat, and weave in any loose ends. Block hat to even out stitches and reinforce shape, a cylindrical can with a flat bottom in the appropriate size works well.



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