

Buddy Hat



Perhaps like many new knitters, the first item of clothing I made for myself was a beanie. A simple beanie is a great “palate cleanser” and a simple way to use up a spare ball of yarn you love, but don’t have enough of for a larger project.

Made from a worsted weight blend of hemp and cotton, the Buddy Hat is my perfect summer head covering, breathable, light and stylish enough to distract from the messy hair beneath.

This pattern is worked bottom-up and is “one size”, but provides a simple chart for deciding the number of stitches to cast-on for different head circumferences.

Happy knitting!

Please share your progress pictures and finished hats with the hashtag #BuddyHat

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(Sample shown in 20” size on 23” head circumference model)

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Sizes

Customizable, I recommend making a finished size between 3-5" negative ease, e.g. if your head circumference is 24" you might choose a finished size between 19" and 21". (Change hat size by adjusting stitches CO, see *Table 1*.)

Dimensions (of Sample)

20 in. Circumference of brim and body (15.2" to 26.4" depending on number of stitches CO)
9 in. from bottom edge to top point

*Materials**Suggested Needles*

1 US #4 (3.5mm) circular 16"
1 set of 4 or 5 US #4 (3.5mm) DPNs for finishing top of crown, or extra long circular for magic-loop technique.
(Or needles to obtain desired gauge)

Notions

1 stitch marker, for beginning of round
1 Tapestry needle, for finishing

Gauge

20 stitches and 30 rows per 4" x 4" square, dry blocked in 1 x 1 ribbing in the round

Yarn

1 skein Wool and the Gang, Buddy Hemp (worsted weight)
55% Hemp 45% organic cotton
(190yds/100g)
(Sample shown in Color: Midnight Blue)

*Yardage*

Total: 160 yds (For sample size, larger hat circumferences will require more yardage, smaller hat circumferences will require less yardage)

Abbreviations and Special Stitches

K: Knit
P: Purl
St(s): Stitch(es)
CO: Cast-On
Rnd: Round
BOR: Beginning of Round

Instructions

Using your 16" circular needle and a stretchy Cast-on, CO 100 sts (or number from Table 1.) I prefer to Cable Cast-On and alternate creating each new stitch from the front and back, creating a K1/P1 CO.

Use this chart to CO the number of stitches for your head circumference. Remember, to pick a size corresponding to between 3" and 5" smaller than your head circumference.

Finished Measurement (circumference)	15.2"	16"	16.8"	17.6"	18.4"	19.2"	20"	20.8"	21.6"	22.4"	23.2"	24"	24.8"	25.6"	26.4"
# of stitches to CO	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132

Join CO stitches in the round, being careful not to twist and place BOR marker where round begins.

Rnds 1-60: * K1, P1 * to BOR

(Work fewer rounds for a shorter hat, additional rounds for a longer hat)

Crown Shaping (Switch to DPNs or long circular when stitches become too few for your 16" circular)

Rnd 61: * K2tog, K1, P1 * to BOR

Rnd 62: * K2, P1 * to BOR

Rnd 63: * K2tog, P1 * to BOR

Rnd 64: * K1, P1 * to BOR

Rnd 65: * K2tog * to BOR

Rnd 66: K entire rnd

Rnd 67: * K2tog * to BOR

Rnd 68: K entire rnd

Finishing

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts with tapestry needle.

Pull tight, weave in ends at CO edge and top of that hat. Dry block the hat.

Dry-blocking the hat (especially for cotton, hemp, or linen yarns) means pulling the finished hat in lots of directions. This evens out the stitches, but doesn't stretch the fabric so much that it cannot spring back. For wool hats, consider wet blocking lightly, taking care not to lose your negative ease in the finished hat.