



Whale Hat

Materials: 2 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds - Chunky Weight
7mm (US 10 ³/₄) double pointed needles
7mm (US 10 ³/₄) short circular needle
Darning needle
Stitch marker

Size: Child's (4 to 8 years old) head circumference = 18inches.

Gauge: 12sts and 16 rows = 10 cm (4 inches) - 3sts per inch.

Instructions:

Earflap: (Make two exactly the same)

Cast on 4sts using 2 dpn's and continue in stocking stitch.

Row 1 - Purl row.

Row 2 - K1, M1, K2, M1, K1.

Row 3 - Purl row.

Row 4 - K1, M1, K4, M1, K1.

Row 5 - Purl row.

Row 6 - K1, M1, K6, M1, K1.

Row 7 - Purl row.

Row 8 - K1, M1, K8, M1, K1. (12sts)

Row 9 - Continue in stst for another 6 rows ending with a WS row.

Cut yarn and hold sts on dpn. Make another earflap using 2 dpn's.

Hat:

You will now be joining each of the live earflap stitches onto the circular body of the hat.

Cast 7sts onto 7mm circular needle. Add one earflap to your circular needle by knitting across the earflap. Then cast on 22sts, knit across the other earflap and finish the round by casting on more 7sts. Place a stitch marker and join your round together making sure you don't twist any stitches. (60sts)

Row 1 to 17 - Continue in stocking stitch (knit every row).
Row 18 - *K1, K2tog, K10, K2tog* repeat to end of row.
Row 19 and 20 - Knit rows.
Row 21 - *K1, K2tog, K8, K2tog* repeat to end of row.
Row 22 to 23 - Knit rows.
Row 24 - *K1, K2tog, K6, K2tog* repeat to end of row.
Row 25 to 26 - Knit rows. Change to dpn's.
Row 27 - *K1, K2tog, K4, K2tog* repeat to end of row.
Row 28 - *K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog* repeat.
Row 29 - *K1, K2tog, K2tog* repeat
Row 30 - K2, bind off 8sts. You should have 4sts on one needle, these will make up the base of the Whale Fin.

Whale Fin:

Continue with 4sts on needle.

Row 1 - Slip 1, M1, K2, M1, K1.

Row 2 - P2, M1P, P2, M1P, P2.

Row 3 - K3, M1, K2, M1, K3.

Row 4 - P4, M1P, P2, M1P, P4.

Row 5 - K5, M1, K2, M1, K5.

Row 6 - P6, M1P, P2, M1P, P6.

Row 7 - K7, M1, K2, M1, K7.

Row 8 - P8, M1P, P2, M1P, P8.

Row 9 - K9, M1, K2, M1, K9.

Row 10 - P10, M1P, p2, M1P, P10. (24 sts)

Finishing:

Cut yarn. Divide the 24sts in half so 12sts are on one dpn and 12sts are on another. Fold the fin in half so the two needles are beside each other length wise. With a new piece of yarn, start a 3 needle bind off in the middle of the 24sts to the base of the fin. Cut yarn and sew fin to top of hat. Crochet edge around hat starting at the back seam. Always machine wash and dry your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.