



The weather is getting colder and many children are in need of warm clothing. Linda's Knit & Stitch is accepting hand knit hats to distribute to local elementary schools and shelters. Below is a pattern you may use for this purpose, but please feel free to also use a pattern of your choice.

Garter Brim Charity Hat

Finished Size to fit child (18 ½) and small adult (20 ½) head

Yarn: approx 150 yards worsted weight (Cascade 220 worsted, Cascade 220 Superwash, Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted, Dark Horse Yarns Fantasy)

Needles: One 16" circular needle size US 9, one set of double-pointed needles size US 9. Change needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: tapestry needle, scissors, stitch marker

Gauge: 18 stitches = 4"

Using circular needle, cast on 72 (child) 80 (small adult) stitches. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist, and place marker to indicate beginning of round. Knit approximately 1 ½" in garter stitch, knit one round, purl the next, ending after completing a purl round.

Work in stockinette stitch (knit every round) until piece measures 5 ¾ (child) 6 ½ (small adult) from beginning. Decrease for crown as follows, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Round 1: *K6, k2tog* repeat to end. 63 (child) 70 (small adult) stitches remain.

Round 2, 4, 6, 8 and all remaining even-numbered rounds: Knit

Round 3: *K5, k2tog* repeat to end.

Round 5: *K4, k2tog* repeat to end.

Round 7: *K3, k2tog* repeat to end.

Round 9: *K2, k2tog* repeat to end.

Round 11: *K1, k2tog* repeat to end.

Round 13: *K2tog* repeat to end.

Break yarn, weave through remaining stitches and draw closed. Weave in ends.

Thank you.