



Materials: Light worsted weight yarn, Lion Brand Wool Ease (4) 1 skein

Needles: US Size 6 and 7: 16" circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge

on larger needle

**Gauge:** 18 sts and 24 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch with size 7 needle

Abbreviations:

Alt = Alternate

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

SSK = slip, slip knit

P = Purl

Size: 8-10 years

**Notes:** Slip all stitches as if to purl

**Pattern:** With smaller needle, cast on 80 stitches

Join, being careful not to twist stitches, place marker

1st row K2, P2; repeat until ribbing measures 5" from beginning

Change to larger needle and knit in the round until piece measures 71/2" from beginning

**Shape Crown:** 

Row 1: \*K2tog, K16, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 72 stitches

Row 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> and alt. rows, knit

Row 3: \*K2tog, K14, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 64 stitches Row 5: \*K2tog, K12, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 56 stitches Row 7: \*K2tog, K10, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 48 stitches Row 9: \*K2tog, K8, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 40 stitches

Row 11: \*K2tog, K6, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 32 stitches Row 13: \*K2tog, K4, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 24 stitches

Row 15: \*K2tog, K2, ssk. Repeat from \* to last stitch. 16 stitches Row 16: \*K2tog, K1, ssk. Repeat from \*to last stitch. 8 stitches

(Option: you may end with row 15 – 16 stitches)

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining 8(16) stitches, tighten and fasten securely on the inside. Tie in loose ends. Turn back cuff.

Pompom if desired. If you don't have a pompom maker, wind yarn around 4 fingers approximately 80 times. Remove from fingers and tie tightly in center. Cut through each side of loops. Trim to a smooth, round shape. Sew to top of hat.