

Joy



Joy was a gift for my lovely friend Carla! She is the best friend to knit for - she loves mostly everything I create and often ends up with lots of finished projects of mine. She modelled my lovely Blanket for Seriously Cold People as well as the Lonely Winter Tree Shawl! Just slightly before her birthday this year she told me that she wanted a FLUFFY WHITE LOVELY JOYFUL HAT! I wandered all the yarn stores in Vancouver looking for the perfect soft fluffy yarn and found it and got right on knitting this soft lovely thing.

Knitting needles:

2.5mm needles in a 16" cord
2.5mm Double Pointed Needles (DPNs)

Yarn:

I used two balls of Schulana Angora Fashion but you can use 246 yards (224 meters) of any fluffy angora (or non-fluffy, non-angora) fingering weight yarn.

Notions:

1 stitch marker to mark your beginning of round.
Whatever tools you use to weave in ends.

Gauge:

20 stitches and 32 rows per 4 inches in 1x1 rib. Stitch gauge is important in this while row gauge isn't so much. You'll be "knitting until" so the amount of rows can vary depending on your gauge.

Dimensions:

9" tall and 24" measured at the brim.

Size:

Fits size 21"-24" head.

Time to cast on!

Cast on 120 stitches using the long tail cast on method. Join in round and place marker making sure not to twist the stitches when you join. Always slip the stitch marker from your left hand needle to your right hand when you come to it.

Round 1: [knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch] repeat stitches in brackets until your slip marker.

Repeat row 1 forever. or until you get about a 7" of fabric from the cast on edge. If you want a tighter fitting hat knit for 6" if you want a big slouchy hat knit 8" of fabric before you move to the next step.

Set up round before the decreases:

Pull your stitch marker off your project and put it back one stitch. That will be your new start-of-round. We're doing this because you're going to be decreasing soon and it just works out mathematically to have the first stitch of the round be a purl!

When I say "work _ stitches as established" I mean knitting the knits and purling the purls!

Decrease rounds:

Most folks will find it more comfortable to switch to DPNs here.

Round 1: [Work 17 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 2 **and all other even rows:** Work all stitches as established.

Round 3: [Work 15 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 5: [Work 13 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 7: [Work 11 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 9: [Work 9 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.





Round 11: [Work 7 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 13: [Work 5 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 15: [Work 3 stitches as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Round 17: [Work 1 stitch as established, knit 3 stitches together] repeat stitches in brackets for whole round.

Cut your yarn so that there's an 6" tail. Take off your stitch marker and weave that tail of yarn through the stitches with your tapestry needle. Pull tight, knot and weave the rest of the tail through your fabric so that it doesn't come undone. I kind of sew it through. If you have a felting needle you can felt the top of the hat closed a bit with it. Keeps the warmth in a little bit better.

Put it on your (or someone you love's) head.

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Best wishes and Happy Knitting!

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