

**Debbie Macomber's A Good Yarn Shop
Knitting for Neighbors Program Pattern
Hats for Backpacks Community Project**



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Yarn used: Cascade 220 Superwash (one skein is enough for at least one hat; combine your leftovers with a coordinating yarn for a second hat)

Needles: 16" circular, size 7 or size needed to get gauge (5 sts/inch) and size 7 DPN needles

Sizes: Child, Pre-Teen-Teen, Adult

Note: Check your gauge! Your hat will not come out to the size stated if your gauge is different than above.

Cast on 90 (100) (110) stitches and join stitches into round. Place marker. *K2 P2* repeat * * until you reach the marker again. Repeat this round until ribbed section measures 3.5"- 4" inches. This will allow for a cuff and extra warmth around the ears!

Switch to K all stitches and knit until hat measures 6 (7) (8) inches from the cast on edge. *Remember you have added extra ribbing so the hat can be folded for a cuff.*

Begin decrease rounds switching to double pointed needles when necessary:

Row 1: K8, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3: K7, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 4: Knit all stitches

Row 5: K6, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 6: Knit all stitches

Row 7: K5, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 8: Knit all stitches

Row 9: K4, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 10: Knit all stitches

Row 11: K3, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 12: Knit all stitches

Row 13: K2, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 14: Knit all stitches

Row 15: K1, K2tog, repeat for round

Row 16: Knit all stitches

Row 17 to end: K2tog until 3 stitches remain. Cut yarn leaving 8 inches to work with. Thread yarn tail onto tapestry needle and slip through remaining 3 stitches. Take stitches off needle and secure end. Weave in end of cast-on yarn and trim.