

# 500 Hats Recipe

## Materials

16" circular needle, size 6 or 7 or 8 to get gauge  
(5 sts = 1")  
1 set double-pointed needles, same size as above.

## Notes

These guidelines are for hats for the elementary students at a local Baltimore school. If you would like to use other yarn, just make sure it is worsted weight.

Directions are for sizes: Sm (kindergarten, grades 1 & 2), Med (grades 3 & 4) Lg (fits 21" head, adult-size)  
This hat can be made into many different styles from the basic pattern. Be creative with color and pattern!



#1 – rolled brim hat



#2 – ribbed brim



#3 – tassel hat



#4 – ribbed hat

### Directions for all hats:

Cast on 80 (88, 96) sts. Join into the round, being careful not to twist sts.

Choose your edge:

- 1- Rolled brim: Knit every row for 6 1/2" (7 1/2", 8 1/2"), then go straight to Decreases.
- 2- Ribbed cuff: Work in either K2 P2 rib or K1 P1 for 4" (4 1/2", 5")
- 3- Tassel hat: Work in rib as above or seed stitch for 2" (2 1/2", 3"), then switch to K every row until you have 5 1/2" from ribbed edge. Then go to Decreases for Style 3
- 4- Ribbed Hat: Work in K2 P2 rib for 8" (9", 10"), then skip "body of hat" instructions and go straight to Ribbed Decreases.

### Body of hat:

After you have worked an edge option above, continue hat by knitting every row until hat measures 3" (3 1/2", 4") from end of ribbing (styles 2 and 3)

### **Decreases:**

For Styles 1 and 2 only

Row 1: \* K2tog, K6, place marker. Repeat from \* across row.

Row 2 and all even rows: Knit

Row 3: \* Slip marker, K2tog, K5. Repeat from \* across row.

Row 5: \* Slip marker, K2tog, K4. Repeat from \* across row.

Continue decreasing after markers on every odd row, switching to DPN's when there stitches are tight. When you get to (K2tog) across row, cut your yarn 12" from edge of work, thread through remaining sts and pull tight. Weave in this end and you're done!

### **For Style 3, Tassel Hat only:**

This hat has no decreases! We will do a 3-needle bind-off from the INSIDE for a nice finish as follows:

Turn hat inside out so purl side is facing you.

Then from the beginning of your row, count half the stitches, then bend your needle in half, with both tips pointing to the right.

Using one of the DPN's, or a straight needle, knit 2 together (one from front needle and one from back needle), then K the next 2 together from both needles, then pass the first st over the second stitch.

You will continue Knitting 2 tog from front and back needle, and binding off this way until you get to the end of the row. Leave a long tail (to tie on tassel or pom pom), thread thru remaining stitch, and pull tight. Turn hat right side out, and sew tassels or pom poms at corners.

### **For Style 4, Ribbed Decreases:**

Row 1: \*K2, P2, K2, P2tog. repeat from \* across row

Row 2 and all even rows: Continue in ribbing across row, Knitting the K sts and Purling the P sts

Row 3: \*K2, P2tog, K2, P1. repeat from \* across row

Row 5: \*K2tog, P1, K2, P1. Repeat from \* across row

Row 7: \*K1, P1, K2tog, P1 Repeat from \* across row

Row 9: \*K2 tog across row

Row 10 K2 tog across row

Cut yarn, thread remaining sts onto it and pull tight. You can add a pom pom at the top if you like!

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## Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

K2tog = knit 2 sts together as 1

Seed Stitch = On an even number of sts, K1, P1 around. On next row, P1, K1 around.

Always P the Ks and K the Ps of previous row.

