



With Battery  
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Lights



# Christmas Tree Hat

**Skill Level:**

Intermediate

**Adult Hat**

**Finished Size:**

20-23 inch head circumference. 28cm tall (11 inches)

**Materials:**

3 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds (1 ball red for hat rim, 2 balls green for body of hat)

7mm (US 10 3/4) circular needle (16 inches long)

1 set 7mm (US 10 3/4) double pointed needles

5 small stitch holders or 5 dpn's (these are to hold stitches only)

6 stitch marker (one a different colour)

Darning needle

(Optional) Battery powered string of wreath lights. You can find these in hardware/craft stores. Look for a string that has 13 or more lights on it.

**Gauge:**

12sts and 16 rows = 10cm (4 inches) in stocking stitch. 3sts per inch.

**Variations:**

Let your imagination run wild when it comes to placing ornaments on your Christmas Tree Hat. Craft Stores carry numerous embellishments such as buttons, ribbon, tiny tree ornaments, etc, all that can be hand sewn onto your finished hat. If you feel really ambitious knit or crochet a tiny star or angel for the top of your tree.

**Hat:**

Using 7mm circular needle cast on 60sts and place a stitch marker at the end. Join into a round careful not to twist your stitches. Continue in a rib pattern of \*K2, P2\* repeat, for 6 rows. Cut yarn and leave small tail for weaving in later.

**Body of Hat:**

Begin with new colour (green).

Row 1 - Knit row making sure stitch marker is still at end of round.

Row 2 - K2, \*slip next 8sts off circular needle and onto either stitch holder or dpn, cast 16sts onto circular needle, K4\* repeat 4 more times ending with K2 instead of K4.

Row 3 - Knit row being careful to knit the newly cast on stitches (100sts). The stitches that are left on the markers/dpn's will remain untouched until later.

Row 4 - K8, \*K2tog, place marker, k2tog, K16\* repeat 4 more times ending with K8 instead of K16.

Row 5 - Knit row.

Row 6 - Knit to 2sts before marker, K2tog, K2tog after marker. Repeat this decrease around the entire row. (80sts)

Row 7 - Knit row.

Row 8 - Repeat row 6.

Row 9 - Knit row. (70sts)

Row 10 - Knit to 1st before marker, K2tog and place marker after this joined st. Repeat this decrease around the entire row.

Row 11 - Knit row. (65sts)

Row 12 - Knit to 2sts before marker, K2tog. Repeat this decrease around the entire row.

Row 13 - Knit row. (60sts)

Row 14 - Repeat row 12.

Row 15 - Knit row removing the markers as you go. The marker denoting the end of the row remains. (55sts)

Before beginning the next tier of tree branches I recommend finishing the bottom tree branches whose sts are resting on holders/dpn's. You will be using two 7mm dpn's to finish the branches and knitting in stocking stitch. Each branch will start with a new piece of green yarn - leave an 20cm (8 inch) tail of yarn before the first stitch, this will help with seaming later.

Row 1 - K8sts.

Row 2 - P2tog, P6.

Row 3 - K2tog, K5.

Row 4 - P2tog, P4.

Row 5 - K2tog, K3.

Row 6 - P2tog, P2.

Row 7 - K2tog, K1.

Row 8 - P2tog and break yarn leaving a 20cm (8 inch) tail of yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.

Repeat rows 1 to 8 on each of the 5 tree branches.

**Second Tier of Hat Branches:**

Row 1 - Knit 2, \*slip next 6sts off circular needle and onto either stitch holder or dpn, cast 12sts onto circular needle, K5\* repeat 4 more times ending with K3 instead of K5.

Row 2 - Knit row.

Row 3 - K7, \*K2tog, place marker, K15\* repeat 4 more times ending with K8 instead of K15.

Row 4 - Knit row.

Row 5 - K2tog before each marker (not the marker that denotes the end of row).

Row 6 - Knit row.

Row 7 - K2tog before each marker.

Row 8 - Knit row.

Row 9 - K2tog before each marker.

Row 10 - Knit row.

Row 11 - K2tog before each marker.

Row 12 - Knit row.

Row 13 - K2tog before each marker.  
Row 14 - Knit row.  
Row 15 - K2tog before each marker.  
Row 16 - Knit row. (50sts)  
Row 17 - K2tog before each marker.  
Row 18 - K2tog before each marker.  
Row 19 - Knit row.  
Row 20 - K2tog before each marker.  
Row 21 - K2tog before each marker. (30sts)  
Row 22 - Knit row.  
Row 23 - K2tog before each marker. Switch to dpn's.  
Row 24 - K2tog before each marker. (20sts)  
Row 25 - Knit row.  
Row 26 - Knit row.  
Row 27 - K2tog before each marker. (15sts)  
Row 28 - Knit row.  
Row 29 - Knit row.  
Row 30 - K2tog before each marker. (10sts)  
Row 31 - Knit row.  
Row 32 - Knit row.  
Row 33 - K2tog, K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2tog. (6sts)  
Row 34 - Knit row.  
Row 35 - Knit row.  
Row 36 - \*K2tog\* repeat 2 more times. Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.



You will be using two 7mm dpn's to finish the second tier of hat branches and knitting in stocking stitch. Each branch will start with a new piece of green yarn - leave an 20cm (8 inch) tail of yarn before the first stitch, this will help with seaming later.

Row 1 - K6sts.

Row 2 - P2tog, P4.

Row 3 - K2tog, K3.

Row 4 - P2tog, P2.

Row 5 - K2tog, K1.

Row 6 - P2tog and break yarn leaving a 20cm (8 inch) tail of yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.

Repeat rows 1 to 8 on each of the 5 tree branches.

### **Finishing:**

Turn your hat inside out. Each branch will have two left over tails of yarn to use for seaming - one for each side of the triangle shaped branch. Thread the first tail through a darning needle and seam one side of the triangle. Repeat for the other side. Secure the yarn and cut. Each triangle shaped branch will be seamed this way.

Always machine wash your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.

### **Battery Lights:**

If you choose to use a battery pack of wreath lights try to find a string with 13 or more lights on it, this will allow for a light to poke out the top of the hat like a star and then one for each branch. The picture shows a set of LED wreath lights that were about 1 inch long. The coloured plastic light cover popped off each of the LED lights and allowed me to poke the little light through the inside of the hat and then reattach the plastic light cover on the outside. The battery pack simply sits inside the hat on top of your head.