



SNOWFLAKE SKI HAT

Materials: 2 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds - contrasting colours
1 set 7mm (US 10¾) double pointed needles
One 7mm (US 10¾) circular needle (15-16 inches long)
4 stitch markers
Crochet hook

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

Sizes: 20-22 inch head circumference.

For a slightly smaller size use 6mm (US 10) needles. For a slightly larger size use 8mm (US 11) needles.

Instructions:

Earflaps:

Using 7mm dpn cast on 3sts. Entire hat is knit in stst..

Row 1 - Purl row.

Row 2 - K1, M1, K1, M1, K1. (5sts)

Row 3 - Purl row.

Row 4 - K1, M1, K3, M1, K1. (7sts)

Row 5 - Purl row.

Row 6 - K1, M1, K5, M1, K1. (9sts)

Row 7 - Purl row.

Row 8 - K1, M1, K7, M1, K1. (11sts)

Row 9 - Purl row.

Row 10 - K1, M1, K9, M1, K1. (13sts)

Row 11 - Purl row.
 Row 12 - K1, M1, K11, M1, K1. (15sts)
 Row 13 - Purl row.
 Row 14 - Knit row.
 Row 15 - Purl row.
 Cut yarn and leave sts on dpn. Make another earflap exactly the same.

Hat with Earflaps:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 7sts, knit across the first earflap 15sts, cast on 22sts, knit across the second earflap 15sts, cast on 6sts, place marker. Total of 65sts. Join into a round.

Rows 1 to 3 - Knit.
 Rows 4 to 17 - Start pattern below.
 Rows 18 to 20 - Knit.

Hat without Earflaps:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 64sts and place marker to signal end of round.

Start rib pattern of K2, P2 and continue in this manner for two rows.

Row 3 - M1 and knit the rest of the row. (65sts)

Rows 4 to 17 - Start pattern.

Rows 18 to 20 - Knit.

Decrease Crown:

Row 21 - K2tog, K2tog, K11, K2tog, place marker, *K1, K2tog, K11, K2tog, place marker* repeat 2 more times. (56sts)

Row 22 - Knit row.

Row 23 - *K1, K2tog, K9, K2tog* repeat 3 more times. (48sts)

Row 24 - Knit row.

Row 25 - *K1, K2tog, K7, K2tog* repeat 3 more times. (40sts)

Row 27 - Knit row.

Row 28 - *K1, K2tog, K5, K2tog* repeat 3 more times. (32sts)

Row 29 - Knit row.

Row 30 - *K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog* repeat 3 more times. (24sts)

Row 31 - *K1, K2tog* repeat to end of row. (16sts)

Row 32 - *K2tog* repeat until 8sts remain

Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.

Finishing:

For Earflap Hat, crochet an edge around the entire rim of the hat using a contrasting length of yarn. Attach a pompom or tassel to the top of either hat design.

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

