

Pony Tail Hat

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Running brings freedom to my life as such, I am out on the road during all times of the year, including during the freezing Utah winters. The design of this hat allows me to wear my hair in a pony without having my pony tail under my hat, instead, it flows freely, the way my soul feels when I run.



Loom: AIO

Gauge: 10 sts x 12 rows = 2"

Size: Adult women

Yarn: Approx. 200 yards of worsted weight wool. Malabrigo worsted was used in sample.

Abbreviations: k=knit stitch, p=purl stitch, st(s)=stitch(es), rnd=round; rep=repeat, k2tog=knit 2 stitches together, BO=Bind off, CO=Cast On, rem=remain, GBO=Gather Bind Off (Thread the remaining stitches through the yarn tail, cinch the top close)

Instructions

CO 80sts, join to work in the rnd.

Rnd 1: *k2, p2; rep from *

Rep Rnd 1 until Ribbed Cuff measures approx 1.5 inches from CO edge.

Next rnd: k

Rep last rnd until piece measures 6 inches from CO edge.

Next rnd: BO 5 sts, k to the end.

(Next section from * to * is worked in rows, follow instructions exactly)



*Next row: k from last peg back to peg 6.

Next row: k from peg 6 to last peg.*

Next rnd: CO 5 sts, k to the end.

You have two options:

1-do a Simple Hat.

2-Crown Decreases.

Follow whichever one you prefer or the one that is best suited for your knitting loom.

Option 1: Simple Hat Directions (no crown decreases) Continue working in the rnd for 2 more inches in knit stitch. Then do a GBO. Weave ends in. Block if necessary.

Option 2: Crown Decreases Instructions

Next rnd: *k6, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (70 sts rem)

Next rnd: k

Next rnd: *k5, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (60 sts rem)

Next rnd: k

Next rnd: *k4, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (50 sts rem)

Next rnd: k

Next rnd: *k3, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (40 sts rem)

Next rnd: k

Next rnd: *k2, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (30 sts rem)

Next rnd: *k1, k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (20 sts rem)

Next rnd: *k2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. (10 sts rem)

GBO

Using a crochet hook (size 5.5mm), work one round of single crochet around the pony tail opening.

Weave ends in. Block if necessary.

Adapting The Pattern To A Bigger Gauge Loom

If you have a 48 peg large gauge (Purple Knifty Knitter) loom that gives you a gauge of 2.5 or 2 sts per inch. You will also need bulky weight yarn, approx 150 yards.

Cast on 48 stitches instead of 80 and follow the instructions as given with the exception of the bind off for the pony tail opening. Instead of binding off (BO) 5 sts, only bind off 4, and on the next round cast on 4. In addition, do NOT follow instructions from * to * (the section of rows). Follow everything as given, except for the changes indicated. You won't be able to do the Crown Decreases as this loom is not adjustable, so follow the simple hat without the Crown Decreases.

Tip on Crown Decreases

1. Remove the stitches from the loom and place them on a piece of scrap yarn.
2. Adjust your knitting loom to new peg number.
3. Place the stitches back on the knitting loom, exactly as needed.

Example following the first round of crown decreases: Next rnd: *k6, k2tog; rep from *. This round would be set up on the loom as follows: 1 loop per peg from pegs 1 through 6, on peg 7, place two loops. Continue around the loom repeating the same process. Then knit the round.

