



### Shirley's Easy Peasy Hat Pattern

(Based on Ann Budd's "Hats" pattern in The Knitter's Handy Book of Patterns)

Use size 5 and 6 needles if you knit tightly, 4 and 5 needles if you knit loosely. I use 16 inch circulars.

Use any leftover yarn, you won't need a lot.

Using worsted or DK yarn, for a large child's head or adult, cast on 76 or 84 stitches, depending if you want a bit smaller hat, or a bit larger.

Knit 1-1/2 inches of ribbing (3 inches if you want it to roll up) with smaller needle. (Mark the beginning of the row with a marker)

Switch to larger needle and knit in stockinette for 7 inches. Here is where you can have some fun. Do a texture like moss stitch, or do a slip-stitch pattern, or knit in some Fair Isle stranded color knitting with some other leftover yarn. Or do stripes.

For decrease:

K 2 K2 together for one row.

Knit

K1 K2 together for one row

Knit

You will probably need to switch to double point needles here if you're not using a long circular.

Start decreasing by K2 together all the way around until you have about 6-8 stitches. Then cut yarn, leaving a 6-8 inch tail. Using a large needle, run the tail through remaining stitches and pull up tight.

Decorate top with pompom, I-cord, crocheted loop, etc. or leave plain if desired.

Feed in all tails.

Voila, you are done! Try it on!

Wash and block if needed.