

CAPS FOR THE TROOPS

FOR HYGIENE REASONS, OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS KEEP THEIR HAIR CUT VERY SHORT. IN THE SUMMER, THIS IS FINE; BUT IN WINTER, THEY DO GET COLDER FASTER. A WEST POINT MOM CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE KNIT CAPS FOR THE TROOPS TO WEAR UNDER THEIR HELMETS OR TO SLEEP IN. A FRIEND OF MINE WHO KNITS HAS TOLD ME SHE MODIFIED THE PATTERN BELOW BECAUSE SHE PREFERS TO MAKE THEM ON CIRCULAR KNITTING NEEDLES. IT DOESN'T MATTER. THE TROOPS DO APPRECIATE BOTH RECEIVING THESE CAPS DURING THE WINTER, AS WELL AS KNOWING SOMEONE CARED ABOUT THEM ENOUGH TO SPEND TIME MAKING THESE CAPS FOR THEM. JUST AS WITH THE NECK COOLERS, WE ARE MAKING THESE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SO WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH READY TO SEND WHEN THE WINTER WEATHERS SETS IN.

SIZE 10 KNITTING NEEDLES
YARN (BLACK, TAN, BROWN, GRAY-GREEN) ABOUT 2 OUNCES

*use beige or tan
tan camo*

CAST ON 72 STS

ROW 1; K2, P2, K2 ACROSS ENDING WITH P2

ROWS 2-6; REPEAT FIRST ROW

ROW 7; KNIT

ROW 8; PURL

REPETE THESE LAST TWO ROWS UNTIL HAT IS 8 ½ INCHES FROM THE START. END
WITH A KNIT ROW.

K2 TOGETHER ACROSS THE ROW.

PURL A ROW

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LAST ROW; PURL ACROSS.

WITH SEPARATE 14" PIECE OF YARN, THREAD A YARN NEEDLE AND PULL THE YARN THROUGH THE STS LEFT ON NEEDLE AND REMOVE THE NEEDLE.
PULL TIGHTLY THEN SEW THE SEAM SHUT.