

MAGGIE'S RAGS[™] Tasseled Hat



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Easy to knit hat is designed to fit preschool and kindergarten children (about 3-5 years). It looks especially good in a multicolor yarn.

Materials – Worsted weight yarn – about 2 oz (60 grams)

Needles - #6 US (4mm) – 16" circular needle

Gauge – 3 to 4 stitches per inch

These instructions will make a child's size small. To make a larger hat, cast on more stitches (always use an even number) and make the patterned section of the hat longer. Another option is to use bigger needles. Don't worry too much about gauge – if the fabric of the hat is soft and comfortable, it will fit a range of head sizes.

Cast on 60 stitches. Join beginning and end of cast on row, being careful not to twist knitting. Working circularly, knit 8 rounds for rolled edge. Work in Waffle Stitch for 7".

Waffle Stitch

Round 1: *K1, K into the stitch below* repeat around Round 2: Knit Round 3: *K into the stitch below, K1* repeat around Round 4: Knit

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern. Note that to "knit into the stitch below," insert the tip of the needle into the stitch directly below the one you would normally knit. When the stitch has been knitted and slipped off the left needle, both strands (from the last 2 rounds) will have been knitted up by the current stitch.

Bind off. Turn hat inside out, fold flat and seam the top edge together. Make 2 tassels and fasten to points of hat. Weave in ends.

Options: Work 7" in plain stockinette, garter stitch, or seed stitch rather than Waffle Stitch. Instead of binding off and seaming, use 3-needle bind off to join top of hat.

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