

Gradient, a hat pattern

materials & gauge:

- * sizes & approx yardage:
child large/adult small • worsted weight (20" circumference stretched)
A: 60 yards, B: 60 yards
adult med/large • bulky weight (22" circumference stretched)
A: 70 yards, B: 70 yards
 - * dpns or circular needles – 5 mm/5.5 mm (US 8/US 9 size)
or size necessary to achieve gauge
 - * yarn weight
 worsted (label gauge: 18-20 sts = 4")
 bulky (label gauge: 12-15 sts = 4")
 - * gauge (unstretched, in ribbed pattern)
worsted weight (5 mm needles) : 4" = 23 st/26 rows
bulky weight (5.5 mm needles): 4" = 21 st / 21 rows
- all yardage is approximate, your yardage may vary••

techniques & abbreviations:

- k:** knit
p: purl
p2tog: purl two stitches together as one.
- ssk:** slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops.



notes:

- * adjustments for adult small and adult large are in parenthesis where needed.
- * work the entire hat in ribbing pattern to the decreases.
- * at each color change, knit the first round with the new color to make a clean color transition.
work the ribbing pattern for the 2nd and the rest of the rounds (per color change list) using the new color.

directions:

using a longtail cast on, create 70 (75) sts. split evenly among needles, being careful not to twist, and join to form a circle.

To adjust size, adjust cast on count by a multiple of 5.

ribbing pattern: k3, p2 around

color changes:

Color A: 11 (9) rounds
Color B: 2 rounds (per note, knit the first round, ribbing for the 2nd round).
Color A: 5 rounds
Color B: 3 rounds
Color A: 4 rounds
Color B: 4 rounds
Color A: 3 rounds
Color B: 5 rounds
Color A: 2 rounds

approximate hat height before decreases:

child large/adult small: 6"
adult med/large: 7"
clip A. work decreases only with B.

decreases:

rnd 1: k around
rnd 2: k3, p2tog around (56/60 sts rem)
rnd 3-6: k3, p1 around
rnd 7: k2, p2tog around (42/45 sts rem)
rnd 8-10: k2, p1 around
rnd 11: k1, p2tog around (28/30 sts rem)
rnd 12s-13: k1, p1 around
rnd 14: ssk around (14/15 sts rem)
rnd 15: k around
rnd 16: ssk around (7/8 sts rem)

finishing:

break MC, leaving a 12" tail.
weave through remaining loops.
tie off inside and weave in all ends.